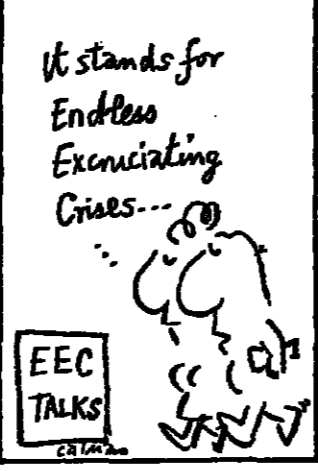


EEC on brink of collapse after fiasco in Athens

From Ian Murray, Athens

The longest ever European summit ended in Athens yesterday in total failure... The subject of the Times Profile is Lord Carrington...



European poll pointer

Summit row can help Tories

By Anthony Bevin, Political Correspondent

Conservative and Labour MPs expect Common Market negotiations over budgetary arrangements and the Common Agricultural Policy to reach their climax at the Paris summit next June...

Bonn pays £8m for manuscript

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

West Germany mounted a magnificent rescue of its cultural heritage at Sotheby's in London yesterday, paying £8,140,000 for a twelfth-century illuminated manuscript of the Gospels...

Heseltine complains about nuclear film

By David Hewson

Mr Michael Heseltine, the Secretary of State for Defence, yesterday formally complained to the Independent Broadcasting Authority about the content of the film 'The Day After'...

Grenada law chief walks out on Scoon

From Trevor Fishlock, New York

Mr Anthony Rushford, the British specialist on constitutional law who was Attorney-General in Grenada's interim administration, walked out of his job and left the island without telling Sir Paul Scoon, the Governor-General...



Journey of hope: Mr Lars Ljungberg is wheeled to an intensive care ward after his heart-lung transplant operation at Harefield Hospital yesterday. Photograph: Brian Harris.

Heart-lung transplant 'a success'

By Thomson Prentice, Medical Reporter

The doors of the operating theatre swung open a few minutes before 3 pm yesterday and the trolley bearing Mr Lars Ljungberg, Britain's first lung and heart transplant patient, was gently wheeled along a small corridor into intensive care...

Bomb on Jerusalem bus kills four

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

The dangerous level of tension in the Middle East was heightened yesterday when a large bomb exploded on a crowded Israeli bus without warning, killing at least four passengers and wounding 43 others...

Electricity price to be held down

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Electricity prices are unlikely to go up before next autumn, and then by less than 1 per cent. Ministers have been told by the Electricity Council that it can meet the extra loan repayments that it will be required to make to the Treasury next year without an increase in April...

Footballer wins claim for injuries

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THE TIMES Tomorrow

Video... Austin Mitchell on why the Commons must not allow the Lords to beat them to the TV cameras. Nasty... From East Germany, the mythical site of Hell, Roger Boyes reports on nightmare visions of a descent into the nuclear inferno.

New hope for Radio Times

The bumper Christmas issue of Radio Times should now be published after a decision by the print union, Sogat '82, to obey a High Court injunction stopping its strike.

Nato split

Nato foreign ministers from Western Europe are expected to reject an American call for higher spending on new military technology.

Guard accused

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Freed by a hair

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Bishop dies

Dr John Robinson, who as Bishop of Woolwich started the Church of England with unconventional views on doctrine and sex, has died.

Lambsdorff row

The Cologne Public Prosecutor is suing a Bavarian politician for slander over criticism of the way the corruption case against Otto Graf Lambsdorff was leaked to the press.

Le Monde crisis

Le Monde is again facing serious financial difficulties and has said it will have to lay off another 100 employees.

Cambridge win

Cambridge beat Oxford 20-9 in the university rugby match at Twickenham yesterday, finally overcoming the dogged Oxford defence as Andrew scored 12 points and Simms set up both tries.

Table of contents for the newspaper, listing sections like Home News, Law Report, Parliament, Property, etc.

Civil servants' union demands end to 'artificially low' pay

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

Nearly one civil servant in four has an income of less than £100 a week, the Civil Service Union (CSU) said yesterday as a new propaganda offensive on wages got under way in the public sector.

CSU leaders insist that the pay agreement covering more than 500,000 white-collar civil servants from April 1, 1984 must protect the low-paid, the union's general secretary, Mr. John Sheldon, said.

More than 18,000 employees in the public sector claim family income supplement, and the union argues: "For the Government to have to pay out money to its own employees in the form of means-tested benefits which it is not prepared to pay in the form of fair and decent wages is clearly both anomalous and inefficient."

'Fiddling' dispute

The Council for Civil Service Unions wants to halt the mandatory introduction of tough new measures to stop civil servants allegedly "fiddling" their travel and subsistence claims (our Labour Reporter writes).

Guard faces £26m gold charge

A security officer was accused yesterday of involvement in the £26m robbery from Heathrow airport, London, last month. The man works for Brinks-Mat which owns the warehouse.

SDP defies Owen on joint selection

The Social Democratic Party has decided, against the wishes of its leader, Dr David Owen, to allow its members to choose jointly with the Liberals an Alliance candidate in two constituencies for next June's European Parliament elections.

IRA fires graveside volleys

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Masked men firing volleys over Brian Campbell's coffin at Coalisland yesterday.

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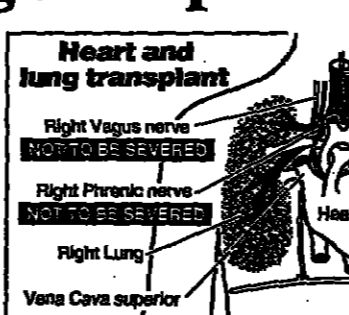
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The coffins of both men were draped in the republic's tricolour with the men's berets and belts on top.

Neil Latimer, aged 21, and Noel Bell, aged 20, formerly full-time members of the Ulster Defence Regiment from Armagh, were remanded in custody until next Monday when they appeared before Belfast magistrates yesterday charged with murdering Adrian Carroll, aged 24.

Heart-lung transplant 'a success'

Continued from page 1 is then starved of oxygen, and there is no other treatment.



A large part of lung tissue is in this membrane and the organ can survive outside the body for only about an hour and a half, compared with about six hours for the heart.

Korchnoi loses the chance to draw

The sixth game of the Korchnoi-Kasparov Acorn Computer World Championship semi-final resumed in London on Monday.

For some time it looked as though Korchnoi would extract a draw from the rather intricate and difficult position, but after about 20 more moves he appeared to weaken and Kasparov was able to come down to an ending in which he had the Queen against Korchnoi's Rook.

Seventh game White: Smyslov, Black: Ribli

Chess board diagram showing the seventh game between Smyslov and Ribli. The board is partially filled with pieces, and the text 'Seventh game White: Smyslov, Black: Ribli' is written above it.

The operation cost about £20,000, which will be paid by Swedish health authorities. A further £15,000 has been raised by the people of Falun to pay Mr. Lundberg's hospital expenses and for a Swedish nurse who travelled with him.

Some of the risks of heart transplant surgery are avoided in a combined heart-lung operation. Major vessels transferring blood between the heart and lungs remain intact.

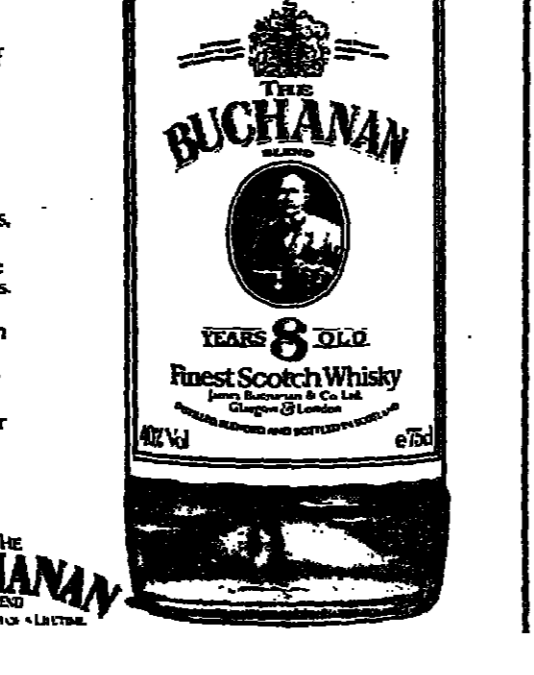
Heart-lung transplants are not seen as a treatment suitable for a large number of people. Only 10 to 12 patients a year in Britain are likely to undergo such surgery if the procedure becomes established.

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Commentary

These have been a bad six months for the Liberals and Social Democrats, and if they are not careful the coming year will be even worse.

Enough to command the confidence of the electorate. It is possible for a third force to make a serious challenge in a country with the political culture of a two-party system only if it appears capable of forming a credible government.

Not all the blame should be put on Dr Owen's insistence on maintaining the separate identity of the SDP. The liberals did not look at their conference like the kind of party which would be eager to merge his fortunes, and Dr Owen has on the whole conducted himself impressively since becoming leader of the SDP.

Greater measure of confidence

As it is, the narrowness of the majority, especially bearing in mind that Dr David Owen himself was in the minority, was a warning that there will be no general acceptance of joint selection by the SDP.

The manner in which these negotiations are accomplished matters above all as an indication of how cohesive a political force the Alliance has become. I believe that it did better in the general election than many of its own members appreciate, and that it has done worse since then than it need.

Overseas selling prices: Australia \$28.50, Belgium 8 Fr 50c, Canada \$27.75, Denmark 28.50, France 28.50, Germany 28.50, Greece 27.00, Hong Kong 28.50, India 28.50, Italy 28.50, Japan 28.50, Korea 28.50, New Zealand 28.50, Norway 28.50, Portugal 28.50, Singapore 28.50, South Africa 28.50, Spain 28.50, Sweden 28.50, Switzerland 8 Fr 30c, Taiwan 28.50, Thailand 28.50, USA 28.50, Yugoslavia 28.50.

Government rejects Trust plea for tax concession on estate

The government refused last night to make a tax concession demanded by the National Trust for the Calke Abbey estate near Burton-on-Trent. Ministers decided not to alter their earlier ruling that only the mansion and the park could be accepted in place of tax even though the trust claimed that the last chance of keeping the estate intact was about to be lost.

Callaghan's check on honours list

Mr Norman Atkinson, a former Labour Party treasurer, revealed yesterday that he had been asked by Mr James Callaghan, when Prime Minister, to check proposed honours lists.

Random lie tests at GCHQ

The use of lie-detectors or polygraphs to "mole-proof" Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ) in Cheltenham is to be more extensive than originally thought, it was disclosed yesterday at a conference in London on Whitehall security organized by the Society of Civil and Public Servants.

Correction

Victoria Wine's own-label cigarettes sell at 89p for 20, not 95p, as reported yesterday.

Advertisement for VANCEREAD, a device for recording conversations. It includes a diagram of a person using the device and text describing its features and availability.

Advertisement for Barlow Clowes & Partners, a financial services firm. It promotes 'A Roll-Up Alternative' and 'Capital Gains' as investment options, highlighting their benefits and security.

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Handful of hair clears convicted killer after seven years in jail

Fresh evidence from a pathologist about hairs found in a murdered girl's hand yesterday cleared the man convicted of killing her seven years ago.

Mervyn John Russell, aged 39, was jailed for life by the Central Criminal Court in 1977 for stabbing Miss Alison Bigwood.

Yesterday he walked free from the Court of Appeal after Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, ruled that the fresh evidence pointed inescapably to the fact that Mr Russell could not have been the killer.



Free: Mervyn Russell before his conviction.

Mr Russell, who had been a squatter in the block of flats in Deptford, south London, where Miss Bigwood lived, had spent more than seven years in prison since his arrest a few weeks after the killing.

He had gone to the police and admitted possession of the murder weapon, although he said the knife was also used by other squatters.

Mr Russell was convicted in October 1977, and appealed the following November. The appeal judges held that they had no "hurdling doubt" over the safety of the conviction, but the law reform pressure group justice did have doubts.

The case was referred back to the Court of Appeal by the Home Office after a documentary on BBC Television's *Rough Justice* series.

The Home Office also ordered the exhumation of another man who figured in the case at the time of the killing in 1976.

Mr Russell's lawyers wanted a sample of head hair from the corpse of Mr Michael Molnar to be compared with that found in the victim's hand, but the comparison proved useless.

Lord Lane, who sat with Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Macpherson, said the fresh evidence from the pathologist, Dr John Torry, had caused the court great anxiety. It pointed

inescapably to the fact that Miss Bigwood, an art student aged 20, had clutched the head of her killer and there was no doubt that the hairs did not belong to Mr Russell.

"We see no escape, despite the very strong prosecution case against this man, from the conclusion that something may very well have gone wrong in this case", he said.

The judge said earlier that circumstantial evidence was often very powerful and could sometimes outweigh identification evidence.

"But if, in a case which depends on circumstantial evidence, there are unexplained features which are not consistent with the guilt of the accused, then any conviction may well turn out to be unsafe."

Dr Torry's evidence was the only aspect of Mr Russell's new appeal that the judges allowed. Two other points were rejected.

After the case, Mr Tom Sargent, former secretary of Justice, said he would press for compensation for Mr Russell.

Mr Sargent said Mr Russell was "in a state of extreme shock. Right up until the last moment he thought he was going back to prison tonight."

He said Mr Russell would spend his first night of freedom with friends in London. "He has not had time to think about the future yet."



New butchering trend: The meat in the upper tray is traditionally-cut silverside. The rest is steaks cut from silverside by seaming a single muscle.



Cheers, a Charolais-Aberdeen Angus cross, voted supreme champion at Smithfield yesterday.

Meat trade's quest to sell more beef

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

To no one's surprise, the supreme champion of this year's Royal Smithfield Show is yet again a Charolais-Aberdeen Angus cross steer and yet again from Scotland.

Present conventional wisdom is that the mating of big continental breeds with native beef cattle is the way to get the best of both worlds.

However, it is no disrespect to this year's winner, Cheers, or to its owner, Mr John Lascelles, of Carnonnie, Tayside, to suggest that it is not particularly relevant to the present problems of the meat industry.

For several years consumption of beef and lamb has been declining. This is generally attributed to their relatively high prices and to the competitive appeal of processed convenience foods, but Mr Geoffrey Harrington, director of planning and development at the Meat and Livestock Commission, thinks that it may also be due to dissatisfaction with quality.

There are several possible reasons why beef is not what it used to be, the main one being that dairy herds have rapidly expanded at the expense of suckler herds. Most beef, therefore, comes from Friesian or Holstein bullocks which, for all their mothers' prowess as milk producers, do not provide the most tender or tasty meat.

Another reason is that modern slaughterhouse techniques involve rapid chilling of carcasses, with no time for the meat to hang properly. Butchers have complained that because the animals are bigger than they used to be, they are slaughtered too early instead of being left to grow to maturity.

Scientists tend to dismiss such complaints as nonsense and the acrimony came to a head at the recent Scottish Agricultural Winter Fair when one of the judges described the commission as "crackpots" for encouraging the production of excessively lean meat.

The commission is now setting up consumer panels to test acceptability.

Dissections in biology lessons for review

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Complaints about the cutting up of animals in biology lessons are causing the nine GCE examination boards in England, Wales and Northern Ireland to consider whether dissection should be required for O and A level.

The boards' biology subject officers are to discuss a paper surveying present practices and attitudes and whether these should be changed. The paper will be prepared by Mr Howard King, a biologist and one of the secretaries of the Oxford and Cambridge Schools Examination Board.

This initiative comes as the British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection is distributing leaflets entitled *Dissection: Your Right to Refuse* to schools and coincides with a similar review by the Inner London Education Authority. Some children have refused to take part in dissection exercises.

Mr King said the Oxford and Cambridge boards had received only three complaints, all from members of the public. But local education officers had also approached the boards to ask for a clarification of present practices.

Most of the nine examination boards include dissection of a mammal, almost always a rat, in the syllabus for practical A level biology and zoology. It will not always appear on an examination paper, but if it does and the pupil declines to answer, he or she will lose marks. The Associated Examining Board does not require dissection.

Dissection of an animal by a pupil is not required for biology O level although examiners expect children to know about the insides of a mammal. They would learn about this from models, diagrams and films or perhaps by watching their teacher perform a dissection.

Car sales set record but imports fall

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

New car sales in Britain for the first 11 months of this year broke the previous record for any full year, thanks to a sudden upsurge in buying during the closing days of November. More than 1,720,000 cars were registered from January to November, compared with 1,716,000 in the whole of 1979.

But November was not a happy month for the importers. New car registration details released by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders yesterday showed that the importers' 53.7 per cent share of the market was the second lowest in three years.

Datsun, the largest importer, saw its November share fall from 10.3 to 5.2 per cent. Volkswagen-Audi was another substantial loser, down from 7.8 to 4.2 per cent.

But the biggest contributor to the improved fortunes of British built cars was Ford which has been importing nearly half its sales from West

£5,000 an acre for prime land

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

Competition for prime agricultural land has forced prices for small acreages to record levels of up to £5,000 an acre in the past few months, particularly in the fenland area of East Anglia, according to a report published yesterday.

Writing in *Property Outlook* 34 published by Savills, surveyors and property consultants, Mr Henry Richards says that during the year prices for the best farms have increased by 10 to 20 per cent, and continued improvement is expected for 1984.

The area attracting the highest prices is a small part of the fens, about 40,000 acres, in the Spalding and Boston area of Lincolnshire. In September small parcels of Grade 1 silt land, fetched from £3,500 an acre. Grade 1 land comprises about 2 per cent of agricultural land, of which one-sixth is silt.

In a separate article, Mr Geoffrey van Cutsem predicts a 12 per cent increase during 1984 for residential property as a whole.

Maritime Museum to charge

By Our Arts Correspondent

The National Maritime Museum is to become the first national museum to impose admission charges in an attempt to compensate for public spending cuts.

Visitors to the museum and the Old Royal Observatory, both at Greenwich, south London, will pay £1.50 admission from next April, with reduced rates for children, pensioners, the disabled and unemployed, and people living near the museum.

Dr Neil Cossons, the museum's director, said yesterday: "The only way forward I can see is to increase revenue. This would bring in £500,000 of new money and increase our disposable income by 34 per cent, so it is a very significant extra."

The museum attracts about 600,000 visitors a year, many of them tourists, and receives nearly £6m in public subsidy from the Office of Arts and Libraries and the Property Services Agency.

The extra money will enable the museum to reopen on Mondays and on public holidays when it has traditionally been closed. More than half will be devoted to restoring services, marketing the museum and catering for people living near it, Dr Cossons said.

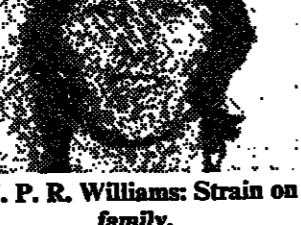
Rugby star abandons libel action

Dr J P R Williams, the former Welsh rugby international, said yesterday he is abandoning his libel action over allegations of "shamateurism" made in the *Daily Telegraph*.

His decision came after a Court of Appeal ruling yesterday which means he will have to pay an estimated £30,000 costs. He said he was withdrawing because of strain on his family and his financial resources.

Dr Williams, aged 33, an orthopaedic surgeon, was awarded £20,000 damages last year over allegations that he broke the rules by accepting money for his autobiography. Last month the Court of Appeal quashed the award and ordered a new trial.

The newspaper will have to pay an estimated £50,000 costs.



J. P. R. Williams: Strain on family.

Charge over boy in waste bin

A schoolboy aged 12 appeared at Camberwell Juvenile Court, south London, yesterday, accused of taking away a boy aged 4 by force and causing him actual bodily harm. He was remanded in the care of Southwark Borough Council until next Tuesday.

The boy he is accused of taking was found in a waste bin in Burgess Park, Walworth, south London.

Hypnotic drive for more sales

A security firm in Tamworth, Staffordshire, is sending its five salesmen for weekly half-hour sessions with a hypnotist to encourage them to "get up and go" and increase orders.

The managing director, Mr Dennis Wall, said that he had tried giving them "pep" talks and taking them for a drink but he thought the hypnotist would be even more effective.

Deadline met

The UK Optical Company at Cydwell, Dyfed, has taken just 10 weeks to make 1,500,000 spectacle lenses for the Soviet Union, taking on an extra 120 staff to complete the order in time.

BR tries airliner-style coaches

The familiar sign that "passengers must not use the lavatory while the train is standing in the station" is likely to begin disappearing as a new generation of airliner-style railway coaches come into operation.

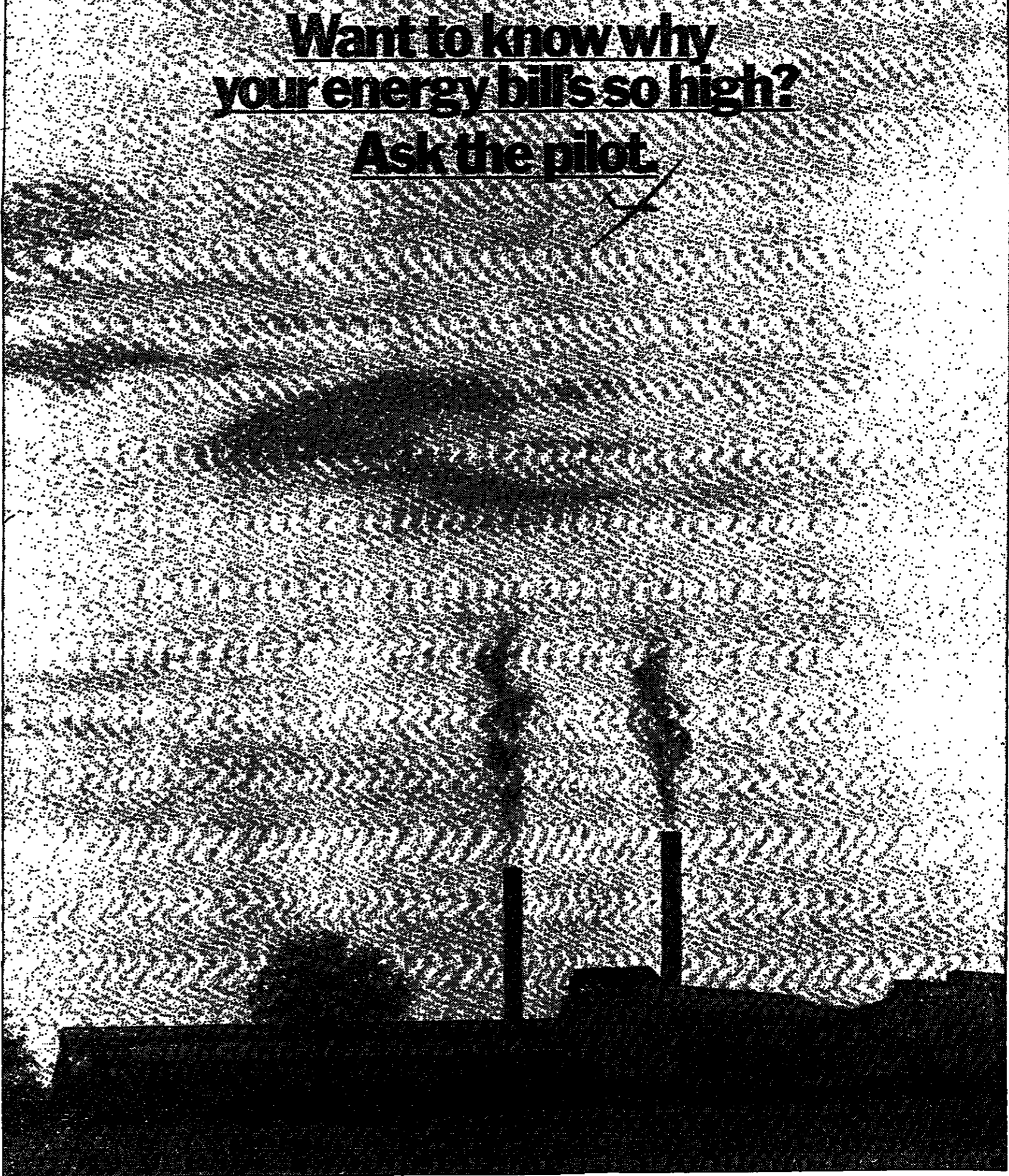
British Rail Engineering has begun testing a prototype of its "international coach" destined chiefly for the lucrative £400m a year export market for rolling stock. But it is due to go into experimental service on the London-Manchester and London-Liverpool routes late next year.

Designed to make passengers think they are in an airliner, the coaches will boast luxury reclining seats, stereo headsets, telephones, tray meals brought to the seat and a trolley buffet. Railway operators will also be offered "retention toilets" of the type in use on aircraft which will do away with that infuriating wait

workshops in Derby also rest on the prestige venture.

British Rail Engineering has reduced its labour force by about a quarter in the past three years, from 37,000 down to 28,000 and manpower is set to be cut still further next year with the closure of the 1,200-employee Shildon wagon works in co Durham by June 30. Temple Mills works in east London has practically shut, and Horwich, near Bolton, Greater Manchester is in the throes of closure.

The company bidding for £120m worth of orders in Nigeria and for a similar amount of business in Greece for high-speed trains, locomotives, rail buses and wagons. Orders from sources other than British Rail have totalled £12m in the past six weeks. Among them is an order for coaches to be supplied to the Irish Republic.



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similar lines? To find out, send in the coupon and we'll send you details of this and other ways to save energy.

It's good news for you, but perhaps not quite such good news for the pilot.

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PM to report on UK troops in Lebanon

MIDDLE EAST

The position of British troops in the Lebanon was under constant review, Mr John Biffen, Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House told the Commons when answering questions on behalf of the Prime Minister.



Soames: If attacked will we have air power?

of the nature of the agreement between the United States and Israel last week. If so, what are its terms? Mr Biffen: I am not in a position to answer that question and I, therefore, would not seek to do so.

Prospects of more in work and cut in long-term jobless

EMPLOYMENT

There were encouraging signs in the unemployment situation, Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Employment, said during Commons questions. For the first time, he added, it was possible to see real prospects of more people in real jobs and real prospects of seeing a reduction in long-term unemployment.

Rejection of Bill on honours and political donations

PARTY FUNDS

An application by Mr Anasta Mitchell (Great Grimsby, Lab) for leave to bring in a Bill to limit political donations by companies so that such donations were paid by assessing shareholders in proportion to their shareholdings, and to regulate the method of payment, was rejected in the Commons by 271 votes to 172.

Aid and comfort to communist friends

he shed light on a subject which is causing much concern, Mr Biffen: I am not certain of Mr Hughes's desire for illumination but I can assure him that British policy on the basis of its major allies remains unchanged, as it is our desire that this country should remain part of Nato, and our determination that we should not fall to the blandishments of the unilateralists and neutralists.

Committee to clarify conflict

Viscount Whitelaw, Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House of Lords, introduced a motion in the Lords for the purpose of which, he explained, was to invite the Committee for Privileges to clarify an apparent conflict between the privilege of the House and certain statutory provisions which had recently been the subject of judicial comment.

Equal pay rules applied

The Government was committed completely to the principle of equal rights for women, and the Equal Pay for Work of Equal Value Order which was approved in the House of Lords yesterday would become operative on January 1 next year, Mr Alan Clark, Under Secretary of State for Employment, said in the Commons.

Selection not immoral or illegal

The prophets of doom who had said the passing of the grammar schools in favour of comprehensive schools would mean the most able children would suffer, had been proved wrong, Mr Giles Radice, chief Opposition spokesman on education, said during the report stage of the Education (Grants and Awards) Bill. Statistics showed that results at both 'O' and 'A' level examinations had improved in the last decade.

Falklands defence policy not of Britain's choosing

Once the present rehabilitation, recovery and planning period was over, the cost of defending the Falkland Islands should be minimal, Lord Buxton of Assa (C) said when he opened the debate in the House of Lords in which he drew attention to the strategic importance of the Falklands and other British islands in the South Atlantic.

Advertisement for Peter Dominic wine featuring a list of wine types (RED, ROSE, WHITE, SPARKLING, PARTY SIZES) and prices, along with an image of wine bottles and a Peter Dominic wine bottle.

Vertical text on the right edge of the page, including 'Judge', 'law', 'result', 'Buxton: Impasse reached over sovereignty', 'Lord Shackleton (Lab), whose report on the Falklands was presented in September, 1982, said that land reform was crucial in the islands to provide opportunities for the young people. It would not be good enough to rely on the market, as the Government was doing. One could not carry land reform on a purely market orientated basis. He hoped the Government would start friendly talks with Argentina but it was necessary to ensure the Falklands were not a pushover in this. We should not (be) give the Falklands away to Argentina, ignoring the rights of self-determination (Cherns) We have got to be realistic but so has Argentina. Lord Stewart of Fulham (Lab), a former Foreign Secretary, stated that they were in a situation where Argentina did not even regard the hostilities as over. Britain could not negotiate with a government that had just renounced that position. They had to ensure the Falkland Islands were worth living in. It would be a ridiculous position to maintain the independence of a territory in which life for the inhabitants became progressively hard and difficult and in the end impossible. Parliament today Commons (2.30): Town and Country Planning Bill, second reading. Debate (2.30): Debate on ethnic and religious minorities.

Judges criticize labour laws for 'curious result' in Dimbleby case

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

The Court of Appeal dealing with a union dispute at Mr David Dimbleby's newspaper group strongly criticiz...

Mr Dimbleby said he was "determined the injunction was won will be observed".

On Friday the union's executive meets in London and will discuss the statement and the possibility of appealing directly to the House of Lords.

Mr Dimbleby is expected to meet Mr Kenneth Ashton, NUJ general secretary, next Monday.

Picket fined

A lecturer was fined yesterday for an offence in connection with the picketing of the Messenger group in Cheshire (our Liverpool Correspondent writes).

Bruce Spencer, aged 37, of Bridge Avenue, Ormskirk, Lancashire, was arrested on Tuesday last week for obstructing the road outside the Warrington print works.

Warrington magistrates were told yesterday he threw himself in front of a van leaving the premises and then sat down in the road. He was fined £25 with £25 costs.

A Sogart '82 union worker, William Mottershead, was bailed to appear at a date to be fixed. Mr Mottershead, aged 30, of Holcombe Avenue, Bury, was remanded in his absence accused of causing an obstruction.

A further 21 men, all arrested on the picket line, were remanded on bail.

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Mr David Crouch, Conservative MP for Canterbury, and one of the organizers of the annual art exhibition by MPs, with Sir William Rees-Mogg, Chairman of the Arts Council, at the opening ceremony in the Upper Waiting Hall at the House of Commons yesterday. (Photograph: Brian Harris).

Audience boost for Festival Hall

By David Hewson Arts Correspondent

Concert audiences at the Festival Hall have risen for the first time in five years, which may mean a cut in the GLC's £4m subsidy.

About 459,000 people attended concerts at the hall between April and November, an increase of 30,000 over the same period last year, according to a report to be presented to the council's arts and recreation committee today. But audience levels are still well below those of two years ago.

A GLC survey suggests that the existing audience consists mainly of a "slowly declining number of middle-aged, upper class people making many visits a year".

Today's meeting is expected to back a £233,000 advertising campaign to attract more people. Mr Tony Banks, the committee chairman, said: "The dramatic rise in audiences at the Festival Hall marks the first upturn in its fortunes for five years."

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Death crash driver 'may have been adjusting radio'

From Our Correspondent, Cullompton

The driver of a coach which crashed on the M5 killing a teacher and seriously injuring 20 school-children may have been adjusting his radio when the accident happened, a court was told yesterday.

The 57-seat coach crashed into the back of a lorry parked on the hard shoulder of the motorway at Cullompton, Devon, it was alleged at a special magistrates' court in Cullompton.

A teacher, Mrs Dalcia Moss, aged 28, died in the crash. Twenty children aged 13 and 14 were seriously injured and 20 other children and three adults were less badly hurt.

The coach driver, Allan Johnson, aged 34 of Nelson Street Barrow in Furnes, Cumbria, denied driving without due care and attention. He was on the final leg of an overnight trip from the Lake School in Windermere when the crash happened six months ago.

He was driving the party to Plymouth to join the ferry for a school trip to France.

Mr Martin Adams, for the prosecution, said that Johnson's eyes may have been off the road as he adjusted his radio. Mr Adams said that forensic tests showed the coach had been travelling at up to 78 mph.

Johnson conceded to police that he was going above the legal speed limit.

The case was adjourned until today.

'Neglected' horses had to be shot

From Craig Seton Minehead

Six horses left in "a beautiful condition" in the care of three men while their owner was away, were so badly neglected that two of them had to be shot, it was alleged at Minehead Magistrates' Court in Somerset, yesterday.

The court was told that Mr Roland Ford, a partner in a firm of auctioneers and chairman of the Quantock Stagbonds, was appointed land agent and was in overall charge when Mrs Barbara Henson went to New Zealand for six months.

Mr Ford, of Sampford Brett, near Minehead; Mr Nelson Burden, a farm manager; and Mr Thomas Stark, a farm worker, all denied causing unnecessary suffering to animals.

Mr Michael Lloyd-Davies, Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, said that Mrs Henson, of Crowcombe, near Taunton, returned from New Zealand to find that one of her horses had been shot and five others were in an "appalling" state.

Mr Lloyd-Davies said they had been examined a month earlier and a veterinary surgeon had found a stallion lying in an emaciated condition with little food in the vicinity. "It was clear that it was suffering from starvation. It was in such a bad state that the vet returned later that day and shot it".

The case continues on January 3.

Adamson sued by solicitor

Mr Peter Adamson, who was dismissed as a Coronation Street actor, is being sued for £48,000 by Mr Colin Nuttall, the solicitor who helped to clear him of indecency charges. Mr Nuttall has issued a writ for the recovery of legal fees he says he is owed by Mr Adamson.

The case will be heard today, the day that Mr Adamson's screen character, Len Fairclough is killed off in a motorway crash in the Granada television serial.

Mr Gerald Taylor, Bury District Registrar, is expected to agree to an application from Mr Adamson's London solicitors, whom he employed after dismissing Mr Nuttall, for the account to be subject to a taxation, a private line-by-line examination of the fees.

Mr Nuttall said yesterday that the £48,000 was made up of £35,000 of his own fees and £13,000 which he had still to pay towards the cost of Mr George Carman, a barrister, and Mr John Dowse, a junior barrister.

"I have had so much aggravation from this case that I wish I had never taken it on in the first place", Mr Nuttall said. He felt his £50-an-hour fee for 700 hours was not extraordinary for such a case.

"There is a lot of responsibility when dealing with a major trial like this."

Mr Adamson, aged 53, is earning a reported £1,000 a week as Inspector Hubbard in Agatha Christie's *Dial M for Murder* at Vaudeville Theatre in London.

Car that killed five had defective brakes

A wealthy farmer whose Bentley ploughed into a queue of traffic, killing a family of five, knew that his car's brakes were faulty, Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court was told.

Thomas Dale, aged 63, of Scoughall Farm, North Berwick, had driven at speeds of 70 mph, overtaking dangerously and had ignored traffic lights before the crash, the court was told.

It was alleged that Dale, who suffers from Parkinson's Disease, had driven into the family's Citroen 2CV rather than swerve off the road.

Sianne Adamson aged 7. Her sister Sasha, aged 3. Stefan Gosbee, aged 13 months and their mother Fiona Campbell, aged 24, all died immediately. Miss Campbell's fiancé, Stephen Gosbee, aged 24, died later in hospital.

The family of Cumbria Park, Glenrothes, Fife, were travelling to Mr Gosbee's parents' home in Essex when the crash happened at temporary traffic lights near Belford.

Their car was last in the queue when Dale's 30-year-old Bentley ran into it after overtaking a lorry. The Citroen was so badly crushed that the rear seat was imbedded in the windscreen.

Dale admitted causing the deaths by reckless driving and was given a six-month suspended jail sentence, fined £2,000 and banned from driving for life.

Mr John Milford, for the prosecution, said: "He was driving far too fast when he well knew he had defective brakes, and against a background of a disease which slowed him down."

Cruel Kissinger cartoon 'not anti-semitic'

A deliberately cruel attack on Dr Henry Kissinger in a cartoon strip in *The Guardian* was intended to lampoon him for his policies and not because he was Jewish, the Press Council says today in rejecting a complaint that the cartoon was offensive and anti-semitic.

Mr David Myers, of Westminster, Kent, had equated the cartoon with Nazi propaganda and said he was stunned that such a "mindless and offensive" portrayal was endorsed by *The Guardian*.

In the strip cartoon *IF...* Dr Kissinger was caricatured as a turkey with an exaggerated nose. Mr Myers wrote to the editor: "The unforgivable hurt you have perpetrated, the blind and callous injustice you have inflicted and your chilling and wicked disregard for the feelings of others can only bring

scorn and contempt upon your newspaper".

Mr Michael McNay, *The Guardian's* Assistant Editor Design/Graphics, wrote to Mr Myers saying "Dr Kissinger is satirized for his involvement in the bombings of North Vietnam and Cambodia, and for his destabilization of such countries as Chile. These seem to us legitimate targets for a cartoonist. Anti-semitism is not permissible and we would not tolerate it."

After Mr Myers had complained, Mr K. G. Dodd, the executive editor, wrote that he was appalled that Mr Myers appeared to be saying that while it was acceptable to lampoon a non-Jewish politician, it was not acceptable to lampoon a Jewish politician to be lampooned for whatever reason.

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Nato likely to reject US request for higher arms technology spending

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

America's call for more spending on military technology is likely to fall on deaf ears when the Nato foreign ministers meet in Brussels tomorrow and Friday.

Even Britain has indicated that it cannot continue increasing its defence budget annually after 1985-86, and most of the other members are of the opinion that the alliance are resigned to making do with what resources they have during the lean years expected in the late 1980s.

But Britain and other leading Western powers also foresee a need to restrain some of the smaller less committed member states from being tempted towards Soviet offers of a nuclear weapons freeze.

This assembly has assumed special significance, coming as it does just after the breakdown of the European missile talks in Geneva, a new crisis in Greek-Turkish relations, speculation about President Andropov's health, and fresh US concern over burden-sharing among European members of the alliance.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, will be among those arguing against the expectation of any "easy pickings" in arms control in the foreseeable future. The British view is that the West should, however, seek to reopen channels of communication with Moscow, without necessarily returning to the kind of détente of the 1970s.

The foreign office hopes to restore the visit to Britain by a deputy Soviet foreign minister which was cancelled after the Korean airliner was shot down three months ago. Mrs Thatcher has already announced her intention to visit Hungary in the new year.

The foreign ministers of Britain, the United States, France and Italy, the four countries which have contributed peacekeeping forces to Lebanon are expected to meet "in the margins" of the Brussels conference. A similar gathering is expected of those countries involved in trying to secure a settlement of the Namibia issue.

Nato ministers are also likely to arrange another informal get-together in the near future - similar to that held earlier this year in Quebec. The West Germans have suggested such meetings on a regular basis.

● **BRUSSELS:** A £2,000m agreement between Washington and Bonn to provide missiles for the air defence of West Germany was signed yesterday (Rodney Cowton writes).

Under the agreement 36 fire units for the Patriot high altitude air defence missile system will be deployed as well as many Roland Franco-German surface-to-air missile systems.

The agreement, which will run from 1985 to 1997, was signed in Brussels by Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Defence Secretary, and Herr Manfred Wörner, his German counterpart.

Mr Weinberger said that when the weapons were fully deployed they would constitute a change by Nato from nuclear to conventional air defence. There would then be no Nato nuclear air defence.

● **GENEVA:** The current round of strategic arms reduction talks (Start) between the United States and the Soviet Union will end tomorrow, the seven-day meeting since negotiations began on June 29 last year (Alan McGregor writes). The meeting yesterday at the

US disarmament delegation building lasted one hour and five minutes and was followed by a working lunch hosted by the Russians.

The round, which has gone the normal two-month course, would normally be followed by a recess of similar duration. But Moscow reports indicate that the Soviet side intends to break off the talks indefinitely, as has already happened with the parallel INF negotiations on intermediate range nuclear systems in Europe.

While the chief Soviet delegate, Mr Viktor Karpov, has repeatedly maintained that a Start agreement has been precluded by US intractability, American officials say the Russians have several times tried to introduce the issue of cruise and Pershing 2 missiles.

The American attitude has been that these were the subject of the separate INF discussions and had no place in Start.

● **BELGRADE:** Warsaw Pact defence ministers meeting in Sofia were expected yesterday to discuss their response to the signing of the new US medium-range nuclear missiles in Western Europe.

The ministers from the seven communist military alliance countries began their first joint meeting on Monday since the new missiles began arriving, with Romania alone among them calling for a freeze on all new missiles, including Soviet ones, in Europe.

● **STOCKHOLM:** Mr Olof Palme, Sweden's Prime Minister, yesterday denied that he had tried to reach a secret deal with the Soviet Union to stop Russian submarine incursions into Swedish waters (Christopher Mosey writes).



In the driving seat: Mr Caspar Weinberger, US Defence Secretary, puts a Bradley troop carrier through its paces in the Hohenfels training area, Bavaria. He was visiting US Army installations.

Food for thought on nuclear survival

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

Britons who are preparing to watch *The Day After* this weekend may derive some comfort from the knowledge that crops and even farm livestock are more likely to survive a nuclear holocaust than human beings. So there should be plenty to eat for the fortunate few not killed by the blast or by radiation.

This is the conclusion of a report prepared by an American Government agency which has been studying the possible effects that a nuclear attack would have on agriculture. The report, prepared by the Federal

Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) states bluntly that "sufficient production seems assured to meet survivor needs".

The fact that Washington should have authorized such a study has unleashed a storm of criticism. Representative Thomas Harkin (Democrat, Iowa), who brought the report to public attention, described it as "shocking and disgraceful".

He added: "The misdirected perceptions of those involved ought to shock us all. With information like this, it is no wonder that there are those in our Government who believe that we can win a nuclear war".

The report states that the impact of a full-scale nuclear attack on food production would depend on its timing. A spring attack would hurt planting; a June strike would affect crop yields more than one in August.

The report avoids two key considerations. These are: how would farmers manage to grow crops in the "dead dirt" that would be left after an attack? And what effect would nuclear war have on the weather?

Le Monde in more financial trouble

From Diana Geddes Paris

Le Monde is again facing serious financial difficulties. Less than six months after its decision to lay off 50 of its 1,300 staff, it has announced that it must shed another 100 jobs to survive.

The paper's losses last year totalled 17.8m francs (£1.5m). Advertising revenue is sharply down, as it is for all French national newspapers, and its circulation this year has fallen by 50,000 to a total of 350,000, down 18 per cent from its peak three years ago.

About 40 per cent of *Le Monde's* stock is owned by an association of the paper's 184 editorial staff. The latest cuts will affect all categories, including the journalists, who went on strike for two days last June in protest against earlier reductions.

Le Monde is not alone in facing financial troubles. Nearly all the 11 surviving national dailies (down from 28 immediately after the war) have been hit by the economic crisis and by increasing competition from radio and television news. National daily sales have fallen by more than a quarter in the last decade. The provincial press has been much less affected.

The Government is worried about the state of the national press and, hot on the heels of its highly controversial Bill to restrict large press groups, is planning to introduce further legislation to amend the existing scheme of state assistance for the press, which totals more than 5 billion francs (£400m) a year in direct and indirect aid.

It is particularly concerned about the provision which grants tax rebates to newspapers reinvesting their profits, as it provides no benefit for those that most need help - the loss-makers.

The "anti-trust" press Bill is expected to get a stormy reception when it goes before Parliament for a first reading on December 15. M Georges Fillion, Minister for Press and Communications, made it clear yesterday, however, that the Government has not closed its mind to possible changes.

Under the Bill's present provisions no one man or group will be permitted to own both a national and a provincial daily; the combined sales of a group's national or provincial dailies may not exceed 15 per cent of the total sales in that same category; and no group may own more than three national newspapers, all of which may be dailies.

M Robert Hersant, right-wing owner of the largest newspaper group in France, has three national newspapers whose sales amount to nearly 40 per cent of total national daily sales, as well as 14 provincial papers and a string of weekly papers and magazines.

The opposition parties, who maintain that the Bill represents an outrageous attack on the liberty of the press, have put down a censure motion against the Government, which is due to be debated the day before the Bill's first reading.

Officers on Secrets Act charges in India

Delhi (reuter) - Three senior retired military officers and a civilian have been arrested under the official Secrets Act.

A newspaper report said one of the former officers had given American diplomats secret details of India's arms purchases from the Soviet Union.

An official statement said an investigation had been launched after an Air Force officer reported being offered a reward for giving classified information. It did not mention the United States or diplomats.

General flees from Kabul

Peshawar (AFP) - General Muhammad Rahim, commander of the Seventh Division of the Afghan Army in Kabul, has fled to Pakistan, it was reported here.

He was reported to have said the Afghan army now numbered 35,000 against 100,000 when the Soviet army entered Afghanistan four years ago. Afghan officers were treated "in a humiliating fashion" by their Soviet counterparts.

Hijack appeal

Seoul (Reuter) - The Seoul High Court began hearing appeals on jail sentences of up to six years imposed on five Chinese men and a woman who hijacked a Chinese airliner to South Korea in May. They claimed they were political refugees and demanded asylum in Taiwan.

Five accused

Tehran (Reuter) - The first trial of members of the banned Iranian Communist Party began yesterday with five people accused of spying and aiming to overthrow the Islamic Republic appearing in a revolutionary court.

Briton drowned

Durban (AP) - Ian Roger Mott, aged 24, from Calne, Wiltshire, was drowned after being swept into the sea while swimming near here. He had been employed since September at a children's camp near Johannesburg.

Casino arrests

San Remo (AP) - Italian police arrested three city officials yesterday, bringing to nine the number of San Remo officials seized in a crackdown on alleged Mafia activities in Italian casinos.

Finnish gift

Tokyo - The United Nations University, established in 1973 as a centre for international research with headquarters in Tokyo, has accepted an offer from Finland worth \$30m (about £20m) to set up a World Institute for Development Economics Research in Helsinki.

Chile protest

Santiago (Reuter) - Five demonstrators and four police were injured and five protesters arrested in clashes over low pay on Chilean Government jobs schemes. Thousands of workers took part in the protest outside La Granja town hall, south Santiago.

Hospital trial

Belgrade (AFP) - Two Armenians went on trial yesterday accused of killing the Turkish Ambassador to Yugoslavia in March. The trial is being held in the prison hospital because one of the accused was paralysed in the legs when a policeman shot him after the attack.

Army gives up power in Turkey

From Raski Gardlek Ankara

Marking the end of more than three years of military rule, President Kenan Evren urged the Turks yesterday to "heed the lessons of the past while taking courageous and resolute steps into the future in unity".

In a televised speech on the occasion of the formal dissolution of the National Security Council which has ruled the country since the Army coup in September 1980, President Evren noted that by taking power the armed forces "had once more spoiled external and internal plots for the dismemberment of the country".

He said the National Security Council, in which he had presided over the commanders of the armed services, had fulfilled all its promises "despite the unceasing efforts of its enemies to undermine its work and pressures from abroad bordering on interference with the country's domestic affairs".

Twin blow for Lévesque

From John Best, Ottawa

The ruling separatist party in Quebec has lost another two by-elections. The Parti Québécois has now suffered 18 successive by-election defeats since winning power seven years ago.

The Liberals, led by Mr Robert Bourassa, took Jonquière, and easily managed to hold on to Mégantic Compton in Monday's voting. Both the winning candidates were women.

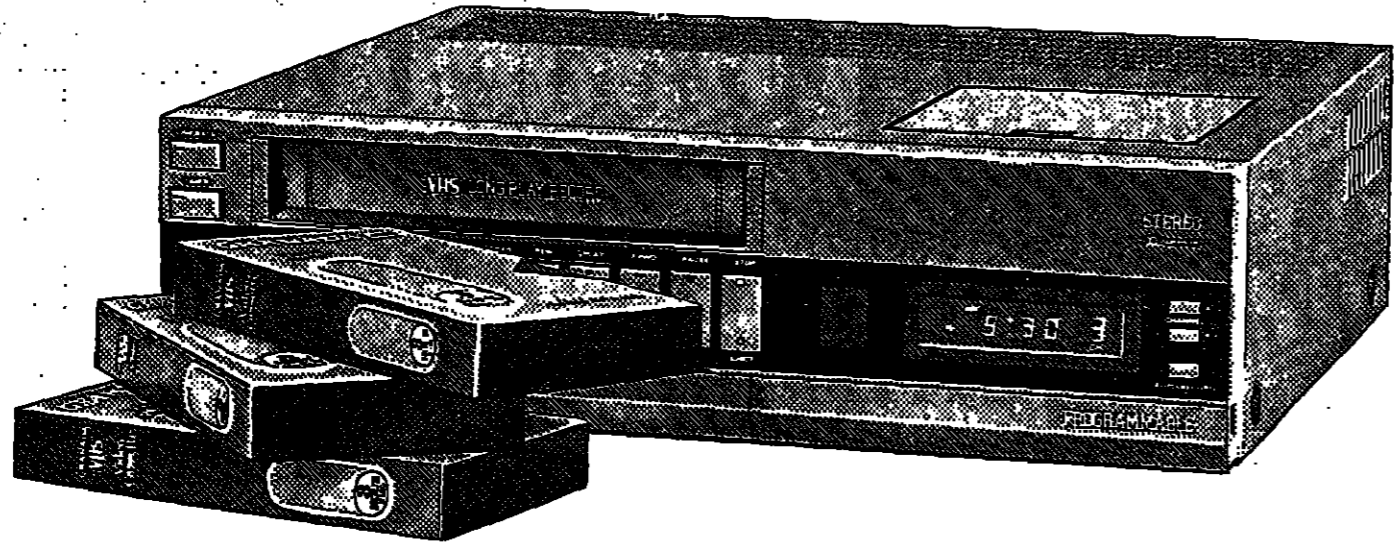
The by-elections were widely

considered to be a test of the popularity of an economic recovery programme recently announced by Mr René Lévesque, the Quebec Premier.

The Parti Québécois now has 72 seats in the 122-seat provincial legislature; the Liberals 47, Independents 2, and there is one vacancy.

The loss of Jonquière, located in the Saguenay River country, was particularly bitter for Mr Lévesque as it had long been a stronghold for his party.

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The Lebanon crisis: Low-key response in Damascus; European worries grow

Syria wants to cool tension despite shooting down drones

From Robert Fisk, Damascus

Despite shooting down two pilotless Israeli reconnaissance aircraft yesterday, the Syrians appear to want to set limits to the propaganda victory which they feel they scored on Sunday when their troops destroyed two American naval jets during US air raids on Syrian positions in Lebanon.

Syria leaders, who have decided that the American pilot held captive in Damascus should not be put on public display or subjected to a press conference, have asked Western ambassadors here to urge restraint upon Washington lest the military crisis gets out of control.

More than two weeks ago, it transpired, Syria sent messages to the Americans, warning them that reconnaissance flights over the Syrian occupied Bekaa Valley in Lebanon would be intercepted.

The Syrians told a diplomat at one neutral embassy that American jets would no more be permitted to fly over Syrian positions than Syrian jets would be permitted by the Americans to make reconnaissance flights over the US Sixth Fleet steaming off the Lebanese coast.

American diplomats in Damascus, who are still allowed to move freely around the city, were yesterday making further approaches through the

International Red Cross to Syria for the release of Lieutenant Robert Goodman, the pilot captured after he baled out of his jet on Sunday.

Lieutenant Goodman, it has been disclosed in Damascus, put up quite a struggle after landing in the Bekaa Valley, fighting off Syrian captors with his fists until forced to the ground and overwhelmed by seven soldiers who grabbed his legs and arms to stop further resistance.

The American Embassy has also been seeking the remains of Lieutenant Goodman's navigator, who died after losing a leg. But the Syrians have so far refused to hand over his body.

The Syrians are only too happy to channel their appeals to Washington through the diplomatic corps in Damascus since they know that several Western ambassadors were appalled by the political implications of Sunday's American air strike.

There was, however, a disturbing element to yesterday's incident. One of the planes was shot down near Anjar in Lebanon, but the other was destroyed at Deir el Oad in the foothills of the Golan Heights.

This is believed to be the first time that an Israeli drone has been reported over Syria's southern front - it is certainly the first time one has been shot down there - and it suggests a



Aftermath: Israeli experts examining the wreckage of a bus blown up by a bomb in Jerusalem with the loss of four lives.

new interest by Israel in Syrian strength behind the UN ceasefire lines which lie due south-east of Damascus.

The Syrians have a habit of believing their own propaganda but they are clearly concerned that the Americans are planning some attack on them, perhaps in coordination with Israel. This may well account for the speed with which they have reportedly agreed to the evacuation from the Lebanese port of Tripoli of Mr Yassir Arafat and his PLO guerrillas.

Under the terms of a document drawn up by Mr Rashid Krali, the pro-Syrian former Lebanese Prime Minister, several thousands of Mr Arafat's men will leave Tripoli on board six Greek ships paid

for by the Arab League and flying the UN flag.

The guerrillas would be taken to North and South Yemen, Algeria, Sudan and Tunisia while their departure would be guarded by 600 soldiers from the Lebanese Internal Security Force and members of local Sunni Muslim militias. Mr Arafat, who would leave in about two weeks, plans to go to Algeria to greet the Palestinian prisoners released by the Israelis from Ansar Prison Camp last month.

TRIPOLI: Syrian-backed Palestinian rebels yesterday resumed heavy bombardment of districts of the south, north and east of Tripoli, according to forces loyal to Mr Arafat (AFP reports).

Slander writs fly over press leak in Lambsdorff case

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

A new twist was added to the Lambsdorff affair yesterday, when the Cologne public prosecutor sued the acting secretary of the Bavarian-based Christian Social Union (CSU) for slander after his criticisms of the way the case against the Minister of Economics was leaked to the press.

The prosecutor's office has already announced that it intends to bring charges of defamation against Herr Gerold Tandler for his remarks at the weekend that the prosecution case against Otto Graf Lambsdorff was a "justice scandal of the first order," and for comparing the "character assassination" of the count with the terrorist murders of Jürgen Ponto and Hans-Martin Schleyer in 1977.

Frau Inge Donnepp, the Social Democratic Minister of Justice of North Rhine-Westphalia, confirmed yesterday that she was also taking out a civil suit against Herr Tandler, who had called for an inquiry into her responsibility for the

extensive leaks. Herr Tandler said yesterday he stood by his remarks.

Meanwhile, indictments have now been served on all those named by the Bonn prosecutor except Count Lambsdorff. The charges of bribery and corruption were made against two managers of the Flick group of companies, against a former minister of North Rhine-Westphalia and against Herr Hans-Friedrich, Count Lambsdorff's predecessor as Minister of Economics. A defence lawyer said the prosecutor had not completed the lengthy indictment against the count.

Herr Hans-Jochen Vogel, the Social Democratic Parliamentary leader, announced that his party will formally call on the Bundestag to vote for Count Lambsdorff's resignation later this week.

The count has protested his innocence, but Dr Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, has confirmed that the minister will resign if and when court proceedings open against him.

Manila death squad fear

From Keith Dalton, Manila

Claims by Manila's Muslim leaders that a police death squad has killed a number of Muslims in retaliation for the recent indiscriminate murder of nine policemen are being investigated.

Separate inquiries were promised by city council and police officials after 2,000 Muslims marched to the Manila town hall on Monday to protest against the alleged killing of 20 Muslims in the past two

months.

These deaths appear to be in direct retaliation for the murder since October of nine police, soldiers and security guards whose 45 pistols were stolen after they were shot, Mr Salipada Pendatun, a former Senator said.

The policemen were killed, most by a single shot in the head, and their guns stolen by assailants who operated in pairs, police officials said.

Five killed in school bus crash

From Vitry-le-Francois, France

(AP) - Five French schoolchildren were killed, and 10 people injured, five of them seriously, when a school bus crashed off the icy Paris-Strasbourg road in eastern France yesterday.

The bus was carrying 49 children aged 13 to 15 and four teachers from a school in Joinville to Paris. It crashed into a field, rolling on its roof, near Vitry-le-Francois, about 110 miles east of Paris.

Shuttle clank

Houston (AFP) - The flight of the Columbia space shuttle carrying the European space lab was officially prolonged for an extra day despite a bizarre but apparently innocuous clanking heard on board. It will touch down at the Southern California Air Base tomorrow morning.

Wider victory

Caracas (AP) - Señor Jaime Lusinchi, who won a landslide presidential victory also earned a comfortable majority in the Venezuelan Congress. Of 42 senators elected on Sunday, Señor Lusinchi's party won at least 30 seats, and in the House of Representatives he won more than 100 of the approximately 200 seats.

Nuns ejected

Tequeigalpa (Reuter) - Honduras police in helicopters and cars surrounded an Air Florida plane which landed with 68 American nuns and other churchwomen on board and forced it to fly back to the United States. The women were to take part in "peace vigils" on the border with Nicaragua.

Reelection risks for Reagan

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

There is growing concern in the White House about the impact that America's expanding role in the Lebanese conflict could have on President Reagan's reelection prospects next year assuming he seeks a second term.

Although public reaction to Sunday's air strike by American jets against Syrian positions has been relatively mild, the President's advisers are keenly aware there could be "unpleasant surprises" for the US in Lebanon during the next few months.

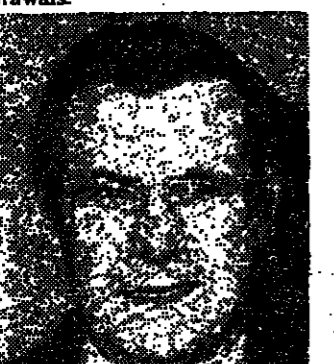
The advisers hope the show of force by the US may finally make Syria seriously consider withdrawing its troops. But they also recognize that the more active role on which the Reagan Administration has embarked contains many risks and could, as in Vietnam, inexorably produce a steadily expanding US military commitment in the region.

One reason why the growing US role has not produced any significant outcry so far is that Congress is in recess. However, it seems certain to press for a re-examination of the War Powers Act as soon as it reconvenes at the end of next month.

Two months ago Congress approved a compromise which allowed deployment of US forces with the multinational peace-keeping force in Lebanon for 18 months. The legislation specified that there should be no "substantial expansion in the number or role" of US forces.

It was largely to keep within the terms of the compromise that Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, said Sunday's raid was a strictly defensive measure.

Yesterday, in an attempt to emphasize US commitment to the search for a diplomatic solution, Mr Donald Rumsfeld, the President's special adviser, left for the Middle East to explore the possibility of more negotiations on troop withdrawals.



Mr Rumsfeld: Looking for a diplomatic solution.

Luce cuts short his Gulf visit and Italy rethinks role

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

Mr Richard Luce, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, cut short his visit to the Gulf and rushed back to London last night because of the situation in Lebanon.

It has been decided that he should brief Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, on his talks in Damascus at the weekend before Sir Geoffrey - just back from the EEC summit in Athens - leaves again for the Nato meeting in Brussels tomorrow and on Friday.



Mr Luce: Consultation in Damascus.

Mr Luce, who was touring a number of Arab countries for the first time since taking over the Foreign Office's Middle East portfolio in June, will also field Foreign Office questions in the Commons today.

He visited Kuwait after leaving Syria, but he is having to curtail his stay in Bahrain and to cancel altogether his planned visit to Qatar as a result of the sudden change of plan.

ATHENS: Mrs Thatcher emphasized here yesterday that increasing violence in Lebanon was making it more and more difficult for attempts at reconciliation to succeed (Ian Murray writes).

While in no way criticizing the United States for acting in self-defence, the Prime Minister emphasized the need to stop the escalation in the fighting if there was to be any hope of a settlement.

Mrs Thatcher was speaking after the three-day EEC summit here which so bogged down on Community business that there was no time to agree a final statement about the Middle East along lines which Britain has been advocating for some time.

BRUSSELS: The foreign ministers of Britain, the United States, France and Italy are expected to meet over breakfast in Brussels tomorrow to discuss the situation in Lebanon and the position of the multinational peace-keeping force (Rodney Cowton writes).

It is expected that Sir Geoffrey will voice Britain's continuing concern over any action that leads to the maintenance of high status of tension in Lebanon, and will emphasize that Britain will not allow the British contingent of the multinational force to be drawn more deeply into the crisis.

Britain originally agreed only with reluctance to allow a contingent to join the peace-keeping force, largely because of fears that it might be sucked into an escalating crisis.

Sir Geoffrey is likely to make it clear that Britain fears that actions such as the American air attacks at the weekend, run the great danger of exacerbating the situation, and increase the risks of the British contingent being drawn into an unacceptable situation.

The fact that the breakfast meeting will be in Brussels was being described yesterday as "fortuitous". It is described as a private meeting between four nations, and it will be in Brussels because the ministers will be assembling there for a routine meeting of the Nato Council of Ministers.

ROME: Signor Bettino Craxi, the Italian Prime Minister, has called a meeting of his inner Cabinet for tonight to deal with the problem of whether to withdraw the Italian contingent from Lebanon and how to do so with tact and dignity (Peter Nichols writes).

The Government is under pressure from both the Communist Opposition and from opinion from within the ruling coalition ranks to consider its role in the multi-national peace-keeping force.

Italians had hoped that a review of its purpose in Lebanon might successfully have been undertaken with the other three countries concerned, first with the British as the contingent apparently closes to the Italian outlook. The principal difference between the British and Italian positions is that the Italians are far more numerous than the British.

The fundamental change in the nature of the force was seen to have come about as a result of the behaviour of the American and French contingents that adopted individual reprisal as part of their legitimate activities.

Signor Craxi is particularly upset that the French did not consult him before undertaking their reprisal raid despite the fact that it took place a matter of hours before due to meet President Mitterrand of France in Venice.

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Argentine junta dissolves itself

From Douglas Tweedale, Buenos Aires

The three-man junta which headed Argentina's military government has ordered its own dissolution, putting an end to more than seven years of unpopular military government and paving the way for an elected civilian Government due to take office on Saturday.

The newly elected Congress is due to proclaim Señor Raul Alfonsín, the winner of elections on October 30, as the country's next President today.

The outgoing President, General Reynaldo Bignone, will remain as provisional President until Señor Alfonsín is sworn in on Saturday.

The junta has also annulled all the statutes and by-laws enacted by the military Government which seized power in March 1976, thus eliminating the last formal vestiges of military power.

The junta was the last of four which have held power since 1976, including the one over which General Galtieri presided, which ordered Argentina's disastrous occupation of the Falklands. That defeat and growing resistance to the Government's repressive social and economic policies made it impossible for the military to

retain power, and shortly after the war it announced elections. MADRID: Señora Isabel Perón, widow of the former Argentine dictator, is temporarily to abandon her exile in Spain and visit Buenos Aires to coincide with the inauguration of Señor Alfonsín. Peronist sources indicated here (Richard Wigg writes).

She was due to leave last night and will be staying in Argentina for about 10 days. She will be accompanied by a Spanish woman friend and her chief bodyguard, a Croatian exile. She has been living in Spain since June, 1981.

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The Athens summit: Britain resists pressure on the budget and puts the ball in MEPs' court

EEC faces cash crisis after total failure to agree on anything

From Ian Murray, Athens

With the total failure of the Athens summit to agree on anything, the Community has to prepare for the fact that it will run out of money between July and September of next year.

If nothing can be agreed before then on how to reduce farm spending - and the signs are not good - then only a miraculous conjunction of bad weather, a collapsing dollar and a very bad world harvest could eke out the community budget until the end of the year.

But that is the best possible scenario. It assumes that the European Parliament does not carry out its threat next week to freeze the EEC budget for next year precisely because the Athens summit failed to relaunch the "community of the second generation", which MEPs want.

Parliament meets to vote on this on Thursday next week. Its members have been put under intense pressure in recent days by government and political parties in their own countries to make sure the budget does get passed.

But in this matter Parliament tends to have a will of its own, and with the direct elections to Europe looming next June, it might well decide

that the time has come to make an impression. It would not be a very deep impression. If it froze the budget then, member states would pay and receive money in monthly instalments of the 1983 total. This would be only about £100m a month less than if Parliament did not block the budget.

On these grounds MEPs might decide instead not to freeze the whole budget, but simply to block the £457m rebate which Britain was promised during the Stuttgart European summit in June. There is no question at this stage, however, of Britain withholding its payments to the Community, if that money is not paid over.

Britain wants and expects to receive the cash before the end of its financial year on March 31. Providing Parliament releases it before then, there would be no problem. Even after that Mrs Margaret Thatcher is likely to press for a new deal with higher compensation rather than stop the money. If she blocked payments it would merely accelerate the financial crisis Britain confidently expects will happen anyway, and the tactic would not make a difficult negotiating position any easier.

Parliament's attitude is therefore not causing anything

like as much concern as the fact that the Community just cannot summon up the ability to reach decisions. As long as Mrs Thatcher insists on saving money on farm spending and other countries insist on stopping her, the blockage is total.

In its proposals last June the Commission put forward a package of measures which would have saved about £1,560m. Britain thought this was not really enough, but the sum total of the savings proposed at the Athens summit came to scarcely £600m.

In preparing its budget for next year, the Commission assumed that its package of savings proposals - which included the idea of a £500m tax on oils and fats - would actually be agreed at Athens. That means that the hopelessly stretched 1984 budget is bound to be short of £1,560m on present estimates.

If farm spending goes on rising at anything like the 30 per cent rate it did this year, then these estimates will begin to look wildly optimistic. Early reports of grain planting in the United States add to the gloom. These show that American farmers are planting far more land this year than last, which will inevitably add to the world glut and push up the already high cost of export restitutions to EEC farmers.

All these factors will start to come to a head in late summer. It is then that Britain expects the Community will be on the brink of the crisis brought about by failure at Athens. At that point the legally due payments to farmers will exceed the amount of money coming into the Community coffers. It will be possible to go on paying them some, but not all, of what they are supposed to receive.

Two other factors will add to this pressure. One is the fact that the Commission has already "mortgaged" part of next year's budget in withholding some 1983 payments in order to split out this year's budget. That means that this money will have to be found next month, depriving 1984 of another £250m.

The second factor is that annual price fixing has yet to add its inevitable cost to the package. **Leading article, page 17**



Best foot forward: Mrs Thatcher arriving for the Athens EEC summit's last session.

Summit runs out of time in Cyprus

From Mario Modiano Athens

The breakdown of the European Community summit has seriously inhibited action on the Cyprus crisis. It left little time for top-level Greek-British consultations and it stopped the Ten from endorsing a condemnation of the Turkish-Cypriot secession.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher and

Mr Andreas Papandreu, the Greek Prime Minister, who chaired the summit, were too tired and too concerned to discuss in detail Britain's proposal for tripartite consultations of the three guarantors of Cypriot independence: Britain, Greece and Turkey. They did manage, however, to snatch a few minutes from their last working dinner for Mrs Thatcher to realize that Mr Papandreu wished to reflect further on the merits of sitting at the same table with Turkey, the only country to have recognized the self-styled Turkish-Cypriot state.

Troops on alert as Solidarity orders peaceful protests

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

The solidarity underground leadership has called for peaceful demonstrations throughout Poland next week, urging workers to march from their factories to town centres to commemorate those killed in the price protests of 1970 and in the first days of martial law two years ago.

The appeal comes at a time of remarkably intense security preparations - by the police and the Army - ahead of the official increases in food price rises due in January.

General Wojciech Jaruzelski, in his capacity as Chief of the National Defence Committee, has ordered a mobilization to check the defence preparedness of the Army. In towns and villages troops have already begun to check transport, communications and supply services. Officers have been visiting factories again, for the first time since the lifting of martial law last July.

Meanwhile, policemen are stopping cars within cities and on approach roads, checking engine numbers for stolen vehicles and searching boots. The official explanation is that they are on an anti-crime

alert but it is clear that the search is on for underground activists. A communique in the press said that "the operation involves an intensive search for criminals and suspected criminals currently in hiding."

Mr Jerzy Urban, the Government spokesman, said yesterday that the military dragnet was prompted by the deteriorating international situation.

The underground leadership, who issued their appeal in the latest issue of the clandestine Warsaw weekly *Tygodnik Mazowski*, said the demonstrations should be held on December 16, the day when workers were shot in Gdansk in 1970 and the day, too, when miners were shot in the Wujek colliery in 1981.

"We will honour the memory of the dead with symbols of mourning and we shall show our will to fight by organizing peaceful demonstrations in the whole country. We shall leave our factories together and make marches, demonstrations and gatherings in the town centres. The responsibility for spoiling the peaceful character will be solely that of the authorities."

Air disaster families win first round

By William Norris

The families of nine members of Swansea Skydiving Club who died in a United States Army helicopter crash at Mannheim, West Germany, in September last year, have won the first stage of their legal battle for compensation.

A federal district court in Philadelphia has ruled that Boeing, the manufacturer of the helicopter, was responsible for the crash and liable for damages. Boeing had denied liability, claiming the machine was built to army specifications.

The helicopter, a twin-rotor Chinook, had been taking part in an air show when a rotor transmission failed. All 46 people on board, including skydivers from France, Britain and West Germany, were killed. Boeing is to appeal and it may be many months before compensation is paid. If the appeal fails, individual damage hearings will be held, in which awards will be unlimited.

Walk leads to discovery of ransom

Zeist, Holland (AP) - A walk in the woods by two nature lovers has enabled the authorities to recover the bulk of the ransom paid in the kidnapping of Mr Freddie Heineken, the brewery magnate, police disclosed yesterday.

Police uncovered the money on Monday, buried about a foot deep in a wooded area near this central Dutch city.

The authorities have withheld information on the actual ransom amount for fear that it might set some sort of target in future kidnappings. But Dutch television and newspapers have widely reported that between 30m and 35m guilders (£7m to £8m) was paid on November 28 as the price of freedom for Mr Heineken and his chauffeur. The two were rescued unharmed in a police raid two days later.

Police sent 50 officers to search the woods after the two strollers stumbled across part of the loot, a plastic bag containing 200 £100 bills.



An everyday story of countryfolk

1. Since the village bus service was axed, young Jack Norris has had to leave his home and friends in order to live nearer his job, 12 miles away. It's a shame the way the old place keeps losing so many of its young people.
2. The village bus service was so handy for Mrs. Payne. It meant that whatever she couldn't buy in the village, she could always get in the next town. Now there's no bus, she's got a problem. Not to mention a 3 mile walk. Because in common with 70% of British women, Mrs. Payne does not have a driving licence.
3. Like a lot of young people today, Alan Murphy can't get a job. And now, he doesn't even have the means to go after one, because he's got no bus service either. No bus. No job. No hope. Alan is finding village life more and more frustrating...
4. Mrs. Sarah Smith (68 last birthday) used to rely on the village bus to take her to the doctor's surgery. Now the bus service has gone, she either has to beg a lift or take a six mile hike. It seems that when you live in the country, you have to be fit to be ill.
5. Ted Armitage hasn't been on a bus in years. Hasn't needed to with the car. But he's far from happy about the effect the lack of a bus service is having on the village. Ted runs the local shop - and it's not good for business the way people keep packing up and leaving. And then there's his old ma. She used to rely on the bus a lot. Now she's going to be relying an awful lot more on Ted and his car.
6. It's not little Jane Harding's fault that her new secondary school is 2½ miles away from the village. But it's her problem. Because Jane's parents can't afford to run a car and the bus that took her to school has run its last journey. Now she has to bike it. And that's not much fun in the winter.
7. Tracy Cole is 17 and she's had it with village life. There was never much to do there anyway, but now the bus service has gone, she and her mates feel marooned. Never mind what her parents say, she's off to the bright lights and the big city just as soon as her bags are packed.

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Pretoria special constable given death sentence for murder

From Michael Hornsby, Windhoek

A former member of the Koevoet, a special South African counter-insurgency unit, was sentenced to death yesterday in the Windhoek Supreme Court for the murder of an Ovambo civilian in northern Namibia last January.

It is the first time that a member of the unit, whose Afrikaans name means "crowbar" and accurately reflects its reputation for brutality, has been sentenced to death, though many others have been accused of torturing and killing innocent civilians.

The man, Jonas Paulus, aged 23, was sentenced in addition to an effective 21 years in prison on related charges of attempted murder, rape and armed robbery. A colleague, Mathews Paulus, aged 22, who was with him when the crimes were committed, was given an effective prison term of 12 years for attempted murder, rape and armed robbery.

Both men were members of Koevoet when they visited several kraals in the northern Ovambo area which borders Angola "in search of money and girls". Jonas Paulus shot dead a villager who refused to give him money and several days later threw a grenade at police when they tried to arrest him.

During the trial a psychiatrist said that the man had been turned into "a programmed killer" as a result of indoctrination by both the South Africans and by the Units movement of Dr Jonas Savimbi, which is fighting a guerrilla war against the Angolan Government.

In his summing up, Mr Justice Strydom dismissed the indoctrination argument as evidence of extenuation, the only grounds on which he could have avoided imposing the death penalty. He said that the killer had been aware of the difference between a "war situation" and a "social situation".

The judge drew attention to the difficulties the police had in arresting Koevoet members who committed crimes, and to the fact that Koevoet constables are allowed to carry rifles even when off duty.

● **PRETORIA:** Five more black men sentenced to death for murder were hanged on Monday at Pretoria Central Prison, the Justice Ministry said here (AFP reports). The executions bring to ten the number of black men hanged here in less than a week.

Hawke to reinstate minister in leak case

From Tony Duboudin, Melbourne

Mr Mick Young, the former Special Minister for State, who resigned in July after it was revealed that he leaked details of the Cabinet decision to expel a Russian diplomat, is expected to return to the Labour Ministry in the New Year, Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister, indicated yesterday.

Mr Hawke was speaking in Parliament after a report by a Royal Commission headed by Mr Justice Hope into Australia's security organizations and the relationship between Mr David Combe, a former Labour Party Nationalist Secretary and now a Canberra lobbyist, and Mr Valeriy Ivanov, a First Secretary at the Soviet Embassy in Canberra. Mr Ivanov was expelled in May accused of being a KGB agent. Later it was disclosed that he had cultivated a relationship with Mr Combe.

The Royal Commission found that Mr Young acted improperly and without authorization when he disclosed the expulsion decision to Mr Eric Walsh, a Canberra lobbyist. There was no evidence that national security was damaged although it could have been.

Mr Hawke said that Mr Young would be given the opportunity of returning to the Government by the time Parliament resumed in February. The Prime Minister's statement brought a storm of protest from the opposition.



Love song: Mick Jagger serenades his girl friend Jerrilynn Falshaw in St Peter, Barbados. There are wedding rumours.

Drought ends but thousands die

Nation stricken by hunger

In his concluding article on Mozambique Stephen Taylor reports the failure of the Frelimo Government's agriculture policy and its controversial resettlement programme.

The rains which have fallen over much of Mozambique in the past few months appeared to signal the end of its worst known drought. But they come too late for thousands of peasants dying because emergency aid is not reaching them in time.

Relief workers who have visited settlements at which drought victims have gathered are comparing the level of malnutrition to that in Biafra and Ethiopia.

About 600,000 people are critically affected in the provinces of Gaza, Inhambane, Manica and Sofala are also seriously affected. Everywhere in Mozambique people are hungry.

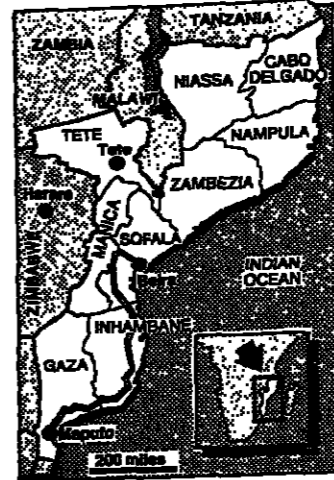
The areas of worst suffering are those in which rebels of the Mozambique Resistance Movement are most active. The drought's disaster has been directly compounded by the guerrilla war, which until recently has also obscured the extent of the problem.

Although the Frelimo Government claims that the main highway running north from Maputo to Beira has been rendered safe for traffic, about 80 per cent of food aid is being distributed from the sea to the refugee settlements which have sprung up within reach of the 1,900 mile coastline. The guerrillas, meanwhile, are making distribution impossible in much of the interior.

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The drought may be over, but the exodus of peasants from the land is also casting a shadow over prospects for the next harvest. Planting of the staples as maize ought now to be taking place and an additional problem is that seed reserves are exhausted.

In addition to human suffering the drought has contributed to a disastrous decline in production of cashew nuts, which, along with fish, is Mozambique's principal export. A serious blight and an agricultural policy which the Government acknowledges as having been mistaken are also responsible for the decline from



80,000 tonnes in 1975 to an estimated 5,000 tonnes this year.

The about-turn on policy came at the Frelimo party congress earlier this year when, according to Senator Manuel Aranda da Silva, the Minister of Internal Trade, it was recognized that producers should be given a financial incentive. Similarly, the cooperative farm system is starting to give way to a system based around family agriculture.

The capacity to admit error, a quality of the Frelimo leadership which is widely admired, does not, however, extend to perhaps the most controversial of recent internal policy innovations, the so-called "Operation Production".

According to informed sources, more than 30,000 urban dwellers have been moved - in the main forcibly - from Maputo and other cities on the grounds that they are unemployed and parasites.

The majority have been sent to the northern provinces of Niassa and Cabo Delgado, where the guerrillas are least active and unlikely to disrupt agriculture.

The problem of overcrowding in Mozambique's cities is serious with populations vastly outstripping the ability of a Marxist bureaucracy to provide employment. Those who live on the fringe include prostitutes and black marketeers.

Such prime targets for resettlement were identified by a process which included secret denunciations and led to widespread abuse.

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Islamic powers told of their failures

From Michael Hamlyn, Dhaka

Islamic foreign ministers were treated to a devastatingly frank analysis of the failures of the Islamic movement when they met for the ceremonial inauguration of their conference here yesterday.

Lieutenant-General Ershad, the chief martial law administrator of Bangladesh, welcoming the delegates, said: "Honesty demands that we face up to our failures and shortcomings".

The general, who faces a good deal of trouble from opposition politicians angry at his terms for restoring democracy to Bangladesh, listed the failures of the Islamic powers.

"How much closer are we today to liberating the occupied territories and the Holy City of Jerusalem?" he asked the delegates from 31 countries and the PLO representatives of Palestine. "How many Muslim lives have been tragically lost in the cities of Beirut and Tripoli?"

He also listed the war between Iran and Iraq, the continued occupation of

Afghanistan, the turmoil in Chad and the denial of the Turkish Cypriot "Rightful claim to a bi-zonal federal state".

He asked what the Islamic world had done to right these wrongs and answered: "We have made imposing speeches and adopted lofty resolutions".

The general, sporting a dark blue pinstriped suit in place of his more usual khaki, said: "Can the Islamic world do no more? The answer, for there is an answer, is painfully visible. Our helplessness and ineffectiveness is the direct result of our internal conflicts and disputes".

He also castigated the slow progress in different areas of joint cooperation - economic, educational and cultural.

The delegates, meeting in the concrete splendour of Bangladesh's National Assembly, built by an American architect to resemble a medieval castle set among ruins, will be expected to discuss all the subjects General Ershad mentioned.

Indian Ocean nations draft treaty on coasts

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

Legal experts from eight East African countries with coasts on the Indian Ocean met here yesterday to draw up a draft treaty to protect their coastal areas from marine pollution and to preserve marine life.

Those representing the north to Mozambique and Madagascar in the south, have already agreed to cooperate in a treaty to protect the waters of the western section of the Indian Ocean, on the lines of a treaty already in force in the Mediterranean.

The Nairobi-based United Nations Environment Programme (Unep) is sponsoring the meeting. The experts will concentrate on legal measures to control pollution from land-based sources - such as discharge from rivers and sewage from coastal towns - as well as oil spills from tankers travelling along the East African coast.

Belgium acts to halt trade in ivory and fur

By Tony Samstag

Belgium is to ratify an international convention on traffic in wildlife on January 1, thus closing what the World Wildlife Fund describes as "the major conduit of Europe's trade in rare and endangered species".

Sabena Airline records show ivory shipments during the past 10 years "represent the deaths of up to 40,000 elephants". In the past five years, imports of furs and wild animals were worth £15m.

● **BRUSSELS:** Sabena has again come under attack for its role in the ivory trade, with the accusation that it has wrongfully been transporting tusks from Burundi (AFP reports).

The European Environment Bureau has joined the World Wildlife Fund in asking the airline to halt the carriage of unfashioned ivory under conditions contrary to the Washington Convention on endangered species.

Korean pleads guilty in Burma bomb trial

Rangoon (AP) - A North Korean army officer pleaded guilty yesterday to charges of murdering 21 people in the bomb attack against South Korean leaders in Rangoon's Martyr's Mausoleum on October 9.

Captain Kang Min Chul nodded after each of the charges was read out in the Rangoon division court - two murder charges, one of attempted murder and the fourth for illegal arms possession.

A second defendant, Major Zin Mo, refused to speak or make any gesture when charges against him were read. Under Burmese criminal procedure, the accused does not have to enter a plea.

The court chairman, Lieutenant-Colonel Maung Maung, asked prosecution and defence lawyers to present their final arguments in writing before Friday, when the court will pass sentence.

The maximum penalty for murder is death, attempted murder is punishable by life imprisonment and illegal possession of arms by 10 years in prison.

The attack killed 17 South Korean officials and four Burmese. Among the dead were four South Korean Cabinet ministers and other senior officials.

After the court chairman read the judgment, Kang was asked to stand and was charged with premeditated murder. The charge was translated into English, then Korean. Kang hesitated and nodded, which was regarded as a guilty plea.

He appeared shaken, and he swayed. The chairman asked him to sit while the other charges were read.

The 29-year-old officer also pleaded guilty to wounding three pursuing policemen, the murder of three soldiers when he exploded a hand grenade in an apparent suicide attempt and illegal possession of a pistol with a silencer.

Yesterday's session began with the court chairman saying the evidence clearly showed that Major-General Kang Chang of the North Korean Army, ordered Zin Kang and a third officer, Sin Ki Chol, to go to Burma to assassinate President Chun Doo-hwan, who was on a visit.

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NUJ instruction was unlawful secondary action

Only parties and witnesses can be bound over

Dimbleby & Sons Ltd v National Union of Journalists
Before Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Griffiths and Lord Justice Stephenson
(Judgment delivered December 6)

Instructions by the National Union of Journalists to journalists employed by Dimbleby & Sons Ltd to withdraw their labour was an inducement to the journalists to break their contracts of employment. The action was taken because the NUJ was engaged in a trade dispute with a printer used by Dimbleby & Sons who were not a party to that dispute. It was therefore secondary action, within the meaning of section 17 of the Employment Act 1980 and as such it was unlawful.

The Court of Appeal so stated in giving reasons for dismissing on November 29 an appeal by the defendant, the NUJ, from an order of Sir Neil Lawson sitting as a deputy High Court judge. The judge had on November 18, 1983 granted the plaintiffs, Dimbleby & Sons Ltd, an injunction restraining the NUJ from issuing instructions to journalists employed by the plaintiffs to refuse to produce copy for newspapers owned by the plaintiffs. Section 13(1) of the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act 1974 (as amended by section 3(2) of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Act 1976) provides:

"(1) An act done by a person in contemplation of or in furtherance of a trade dispute shall not be actionable in tort on the ground only—(a) that it induces another person to break a contract or interferes or induces any other person to do so; or (b) that it consists in his threatening that a contract (whether one to which he is a party or not) will be broken or its performance interfered with, or that he will induce another person to break a contract or to interfere with its performance."

Section 29 of the 1974 Act (as amended by section 18 of the Employment Act 1980) provides: "(1) In this Act 'trade dispute' means a dispute between employers and workers, or between workers and workers, which is connected with one or more of the following:—(a) terms and conditions of employment, or (b) physical conditions in which any workers are required to work; (c) engagement or non-engagement, or termination or suspension of employment or the duties of employment, of one or more workers; (d) allocation of work or the duties of employment as between workers or groups of workers."

Section 17 of the Employment Act 1980 provides: "(1) Nothing in section 13 of the 1974 Act shall prevent an act from being actionable in tort on a ground specified in subsection (1)(a) or (b) of that section in any case where—(a) the contract concerned is not a contract of employment; (b) the facts relied upon for the purpose of establishing liability is that there has been secondary action which is not action satisfying the requirements of subsection (3), (4) or (5) below; (c) for the purposes of this section there is secondary action in relation to a trade dispute when, and only when, a person (a) induces another to break a contract of employment or interferes or induces another to do so, or (b) threatens that a contract of employment under which he or another is employed will be broken or its performance interfered with, or that he will induce another to break a contract of employment or to interfere with its performance, if the employer under the contract of employment is not a party to the trade dispute; (3) Secondary action satisfies the requirements of this subsection if—(a) the purpose or principal purpose of the secondary action was directly to prevent or disrupt the supply

operating and Dimbleby Printers and the NGA were in dispute. In those circumstances if the papers were to be produced the plaintiffs had to find another printer. The choice was limited because the NGA was a powerful union operating a closed shop in many printing firms and would have blocked any Dimbleby copy. The plaintiffs entered into negotiations with TBF, who employed no NGA members and were thus not vulnerable to a threat that the NGA would withdraw their members if they printed for the plaintiffs.

On October 7, 1983 the plaintiffs told their journalists, the majority of whom were members of the NUJ, that the papers were no longer to be printed by the NUJ and would in future be printed by TBF, but that that would have no effect upon the working conditions of the journalists who should continue to work for the copy to the Richmond office as before. Miss Joanna Davies, the mother of the chapel, had some anxiety about this decision. She conveyed a message to the NUJ chapel which comprised nine of the journalists employed by the plaintiffs and invited Mr Knowles, one of the NUJ national officers, to address the meeting which took place on October 10. After the meeting Mr Knowles reported by letter immediately to Mr Ashton the general secretary of the NUJ. On October 12, Mr Richards, the editor of the Dimbleby newspapers sent a memorandum to the NUJ chapel which was to them went on strike they would not be concerned with their terms and conditions. It was to put pressure on the plaintiffs not to deal with TBF.

Even if there had been in the present case a request at the last moment for the NUJ to withdraw its support, it was to put pressure on the plaintiffs not to deal with TBF. In his Lordship's view there was no dispute about terms and conditions of employment within the meaning of section 29(1)(c). The judge also held that there was a dispute relating to the plaintiffs' threat of dismissal of the journalists and their subsequent suspension which fell within section 29(1)(b).

Again his Lordship could not agree to the NUJ's view that its dismissal was withdrawn before the journalists stopped work, and they were only suspended after they had refused to work. The journalists had not stopped working because they had been dismissed or suspended; they had stopped working because of the dispute between the union and TBF. The judge rightly rejected the submission that there was a dispute within the meaning of section 29(1)(c) and there was no challenge to his finding in the Court of Appeal. The short point was that there was no dispute over the allocation of work as between employees of the plaintiffs.

For those reasons the plaintiffs and their journalists were not engaged in an industrial dispute within section 29(1). The final stage of the inquiry was to decide whether section 17 of the Employment Act 1980 rendered the protection which was given by the earlier Acts of 1974 and 1976 inoperative. Section 17 was designed to stop certain forms of secondary action. The court was concerned with the first three subsections. The "contract concerned" in subsection (1)(a) was the contract with TBF or the contracts with the advertisers. Mr Hendy submitted that the contracts with the plaintiffs' journalists were the "contracts concerned", but such a construction would render the subsection virtually meaningless.

The section was designed with secondary action and it would only be given meaning by construing "contract concerned" as the contract as which the secondary action was aimed. Section 17(1)(a) was therefore satisfied. In order to see if subsection 1(b) was satisfied one had first to look at subsection 2 to see if the union were taking secondary action within the meaning of the section. The union were inducing the journalists to break their contracts of employment with the plaintiffs, they were taking that action because of their trade dispute with TBF and the plaintiffs were not a party to that dispute.

There was therefore secondary action within the meaning of subsection 2. But not all forms of secondary action were outlawed by subsection 1. Only the secondary action which fell within the protection of subsection (3) (4) or (5). When the case first came before the judge the union claimed that they were protected by subsection 3 but that arose out of a misunderstanding of the way in which TBF conducted their business. Mr Bailey Forman did not print their newspapers on their own presses, they had them printed by an associated company. Until a late stage in the proceedings no one regarded that as of any significance; the companies were run by the same people from the same office and with the same ethos - they did not use union labour.

But when one looked closely at subsection 3 it could be seen as the judge rightly pointed out, to be a matter of vital importance. In order to attract the protection of subsection (3) the goods and services, in the present case the copy, must be supplied to "an employer who is a party to the dispute". TBF, to whom the goods and services were supplied, were not a party to the dispute with the NUJ; the union's dispute was with T Bailey Forman Ltd.

So one arrived at the end of the journey at what seemed a curious result. If T Bailey Forman Ltd had produced their papers on their own presses the union's action would have been protected but because the owner of that business chose to operate through associated companies the union were unprotected. His Lordship saw no escape from that conclusion and agreed with the judge that section 17 of the 1980 Act had removed the protection which the union would have enjoyed under the 1974 and 1976 Acts.

His Lordship could see no grounds for interfering with the discretion exercised by the judge in granting the interlocutory injunction. His Lordship would dismiss the appeal. The Master of the Rolls delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Stephenson agreed. Solicitor: Bindman & Partners; Cameron Markby.

LORD JUSTICE STEPHEN BROWN said that the applicant had been the victim of an assault as a result of which the assault had been changed by police with inflicting grievous bodily harm on the applicant, contrary to section 20 of the Offences against the Person Act 1861. The applicant had been present at the crown court at the day fixed for the assault's trial for the purpose of giving evidence for the prosecution. However, upon the assault being bound over, the prosecution offered no evidence against him. The court then indicated its intention to require the applicant also to be bound over and adjourned the matter to the following day for him to be represented. Despite representations on his behalf on that occasion that the court had no jurisdiction to bind the applicant over, the court proceeded to do so. It was plain on the authorities that a person who had given evidence at a trial was a "person who... is before the court" for the purposes of section 17(7). However, no evidence was given in this case at all and accordingly the applicant, not being a party to the proceedings, was not "a person who or whose case was before the court". It followed that the court had no jurisdiction under section 17(7) to make the order and it would be quashed. Binding over was a serious step to take and, where there was jurisdiction, should only be taken where it had been established by evidence that there was likelihood of the peace not being kept by the proposed subject of the order or that he was likely not to be of good behaviour. Cases where it would be appropriate to bind over the victim of an assault, particularly where the Crown had decided to prosecute the assailant for inflicting grievous bodily harm, would be rare. Mr Justice Taylor agreed. Solicitors: Watkins, Palley & Ellison for Andrews, Heworth & Co, Swindon.

REGINA v SWINDON CROWN COURT, Ex parte Pawtitor Singh
Before Lord Justice Stephenson and Mr Justice Taylor
(Judgment delivered December 6)

There was no power under section 17(7) of the Justice of the Peace Act 1968 to bind over to keep the peace a person who was neither a party to proceedings before the court nor called to give evidence in such proceedings. The Queen's Bench Divisional Court, so stated, granting an application by Pawtitor Singh for judicial review by way of certiorari to quash an order made by the Swindon Crown Court on March 18, 1983, binding him over to keep the peace. Section 17(7) of the 1968 Act provides: "...any court of record having a criminal jurisdiction has... power to bind over a person who or whose case is before the court..." The court then indicated its intention to require the applicant also to be bound over and adjourned the matter to the following day for him to be represented. Despite representations on his behalf on that occasion that the court had no jurisdiction to bind the applicant over, the court proceeded to do so. It was plain on the authorities that a person who had given evidence at a trial was a "person who... is before the court" for the purposes of section 17(7). However, no evidence was given in this case at all and accordingly the applicant, not being a party to the proceedings, was not "a person who or whose case was before the court". It followed that the court had no jurisdiction under section 17(7) to make the order and it would be quashed. Binding over was a serious step to take and, where there was jurisdiction, should only be taken where it had been established by evidence that there was likelihood of the peace not being kept by the proposed subject of the order or that he was likely not to be of good behaviour. Cases where it would be appropriate to bind over the victim of an assault, particularly where the Crown had decided to prosecute the assailant for inflicting grievous bodily harm, would be rare. Mr Justice Taylor agreed. Solicitors: Watkins, Palley & Ellison for Andrews, Heworth & Co, Swindon.

Justices should act judicially

REGINA v CLERKWEWELL GREEN METROPOLITAN DISTRICT, Ex parte Ibrahim
Before Lord Justice Stephenson and Mr Justice Taylor
(Judgment delivered December 6)

When a case had been heard by a magistrates' court in the absence of the accused, the court, in exercising its discretion under section 142 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 whether to rehear the case in the presence of the accused, was under a duty to act judicially and it was not a relevant consideration for that purpose that the accused had given no significant reason for arriving late on the occasion on which the case had been heard or that the offence charged had been a trivial one. The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so stated, granting an application by Miss Sheriff Ibrahim for judicial review by way of certiorari to quash a conviction recorded against her in her absence on March 10 for assaulting a police officer in the execution of his duty, contrary to section 51 of the Police Act 1964, and of a refusal by the Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate on April 3 to allow a rehearing of the charge. Mr Clive Millon for the applicant.

Neither of those factors, though, could be a ground for granting judicial review. However, on April 5 counsel applied to the magistrate for the case to be reheard pursuant to section 142 of the 1980 Act. The magistrate had refused, giving no reason. In an affidavit he had advanced several reasons, none of which in his Lordship's judgment justified him in exercising his discretion as he did. The applicant's failure to explain her late arrival on March 10 was no bar to her having her case heard; it was unfair and contrary to the interests of justice that her late arrival should prevent her ever from raising a defence to this serious charge, particularly as she was to be dealt with under section 6 of the Bail Act 1976. The magistrate might have viewed this as a fairly trivial offence of its kind, but a conviction for such an offence, whatever the penalty, was a blot on her record which she should not have unless the case had been properly heard. The conviction and the refusal to allow rehearing would be quashed, and the case would be remitted for rehearing before a differently constituted bench. Solicitors: Good, Good & Co, Swindon.

Fair administration in planning policy

YNYS MŷN - ISLE OF ANGLESEY BOROUGH COUNCIL v SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WALES AND ANOTHER
Where other planning considerations did not compel a different view, it was proper for the secretary of state, in determining an appeal against the refusal of planning permission to bear in mind that the proper application of planning policy required fair administration. Mr Justice Woolf so held in the Queen's Bench Division on December 2, refusing an application by Ynys Môn - Isle of Anglesey Borough Council for an order to quash a decision of the secretary of state whereby he had granted planning permission to Parry Brothers (Builders) Company Ltd, on appeal from the council's refusal. HIS LORDSHIP said that in fairly administering planning policy, there would be situations where it would be proper to take into consideration the fact that a particular application had a planning history which would justify the granting of permission in order to achieve fairness.

Free gift offer not caught by section

NEWELL AND ANOTHER v HICLS
Before Lord Justice Robert Goff and Mr Justice Mann
(Judgment delivered November 30)

A false statement offering to supply a free gift with purchase of goods fell outside the ambit of section 14(1) of the Trade Descriptions Act 1968 because (i) it was a statement relating to the supply of goods and not to the provision of services or facilities; and (ii) it was a statement about price, and section 14(1) did not cover false statements about price. The Queen's Bench Divisional Court allowed an appeal by case stated from the Wolverhampton Justices who on November 17, 1982, convicted the appellants, Christopher Newell and five minor appellants, and the appellant Keith Taylor on four informations, each laid under section 14(1) of the 1968 Act by the prosecutor, Mr Charles Hick.

Mr Nicholas Underhill for the appellants; Mr Melbourne Inman for the prosecutor. LORD JUSTICE ROBERT GOFF said that each of the two appellants, who were motor dealers, had placed a number of advertisements in newspapers stating that a video cassette recorder would be provided "absolutely free with every 'Registration Renault'" ordered from them within a specified period. In fact, the recorders were not free because the trade-in allowance made on customers' old vehicles was reduced where they wished to take advantage of the offer. The appellants had been charged with recklessly making statements which were false as to the services or facilities provided in the course of trade or business, contrary to section 14(1)(b) of the Trade Descriptions Act 1968. The justices had convicted them. It was the appellants' contention that they could not be liable under section 14(1) since the statements complained of did not relate to the provision of services or facilities; rather, they related to the supply of goods. In his Lordship's opinion, the appellants were correct. There was a clear distinction throughout the Act as a whole between the supply of goods on one hand and the provision of services and facilities on the other. Although the word "facility" was used widely in commercial circles to describe almost anything available commercially, when the word appeared in a criminal statute it was wrong to stretch its meaning in that way. In their ordinary and natural meaning the words "service" connoted the doing of something for someone, and the word "facility" connoted the provision to someone of the wherewithal to do something for himself.

Those broad indications of the words' meanings were not meant as definitions and did not take account of exceptional cases where the provision of a service or facility might involve the supply of goods. In the present case, the offer of a free recorder was a statement about the supply of goods and did not therefore fall within section 14(1). The appellants had also contended, correctly in his Lordship's view, that since the statements related to the price at which the recorders were to be provided, they still fell outside the ambit of section 14(1), because that section was not a reference to price. Under subsection (1), five matters were set out; none of them was directed to price. If one construed the first category, "provision", as referring to anything more than the mere fact of provision, so as to include the price at which provisions was to be made, then the remaining four categories were surplusage, since they "too" could have been included in the first category. In the circumstances, there was no reason why the ordinary presumption against surplusage should not be applied, and it therefore appeared that by a surprising omission section 14(1) did not cover a false statement about the price at which services or facilities were provided. Accordingly, the convictions would be quashed. While the matter did not arise for his decision, it occurred to his Lordship that a successful prosecution might be brought under section 11(2) of the Act. Mr Justice Mann agreed. Solicitors: Lovell White & King; Mr Philip D. Williams, Birmingham.

Company tried to correct false statement

WINGS LTD v ELLIS
Before Lord Justice Robert Goff and Mr Justice Mann
(Judgment delivered December 2)

A company which had attempted to correct the falsity of a statement in its brochure which had been relied upon in its uncorrected form by a customer was not guilty of an offence of knowingly making a false statement contrary to section 14(1)(a) of the Trade Descriptions Act 1968, nor was the publication of a wrong photograph in its brochure when the selection of photographs was made by an employee of the company capable of amounting to making a false statement, contrary to section 14(1)(b) of the same Act. The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in allowing the appeal of the defendant company, Wings Ltd, by case stated against its conviction by the Plymouth Justices on January 17, 1983, of offences under section 14(1) of the 1968 Act. Mr James Price for the defendant company; Mr Nicholas Nardacchia for the prosecutor. MR JUSTICE MANN, giving the reserved judgment of the court, said that Mr Robert Wade, from Callington, Cornwall, booked a holiday for himself and his wife in Sri Lanka on January 13, 1982, relying upon the defendant's brochure which indicated that hotel rooms were air conditioned, and, by a photograph, that the rooms were of a sealed type and did not require outside ventilation or ceiling fans. On his return from the holiday, Mr Wade complained to the defendant and the Trading Standards Department of the hotel was not air conditioned, and that ventilation was through lattice work over the windows and overhead fans. The company knew in May 1981 the hotel was not air conditioned and on June 1 had notified its staff to amend the brochure and send a prepared letter to clients who had already booked holidays; however, Mr Wade was not sent one. His Lordship said that the offence under section 14 of the Act was a result-crime, as defined in *R v Miller* (1983) 2 WLR 539, so that the initial act was the publication of the false statement in the brochure and the offence was only completed when a person read that statement. If the defendant did not omit to take an opportunity to put right the error the offence would not be completed. Since the company immediately did all that was reasonably expected to neutralize the error once it was known, and it was not surprising that a letter was not sent to Mr Wade who had booked his holiday seven months before the discovery of the error, the conviction under section 14(1)(a) had to be quashed. His Lordship said, further, that where a specific intent was required in relation to an offence under section 14(1)(b), it was not a company which could not be guilty of an offence unless the specified state of mind was a state of mind of a person who was or formed part of the directing mind and will of the company. There was no evidence to suggest that such a person selected the photographs for the brochure, and therefore the conviction under section 14(1)(b) had to be quashed. Solicitors: Hopp-Fishers; Mr J. E. Coyne, Plymouth.

THE ARTS

The fall and rise of 'Star'



James Mason as Norman Maine: "Hollywood was not in favour of the picture"

"For me the whole thing was a great treat. When I first arrived in Hollywood I had put myself at a great disadvantage, because I didn't do the right things. At that time anyone with career ambitions had to sign up for a long-term contract with one of the studios. It was the only way you got a lift and the sort of vehicles on which a career is built up. But I didn't like the idea of a long-term contract, because it meant that somebody else would have to make my decisions for me.

"So I went freelance. I had done a couple of half decent pictures at 20th Century, but nothing else very promising. So that to be offered a film like *Star is Born* was something special. I had heard that they were offering it to other people properly established people. They offered it to Bogey, for instance; and to Cary Grant, who had actually got to the point of sitting in at the readings with Judy.

"So it was very nice for me to get it. It was fun from the start. I thought Moss Hart's script was extremely good; and I had the greatest possible faith in Cukor, though it was the only time I ever worked with him. I approved wholeheartedly of all the cast, and I had an enormous admiration, sort of love, for Judy Garland already before we started.

"She was marvellous to work with. Of course she had her difficulties. She had got into this strange way of life when she

In 1954, George Cukor directed Judy Garland and James Mason in *A Star is Born* - a musical version of a story that had been twice filmed before: in 1932 by Cukor himself, as *What Price Hollywood?*; and in 1937 by William Wellman. The film had a spectacular Hollywood premiere on September 29, 1954, but a few weeks later Warner Brothers recalled the prints, to cut them from 3 hours to 150 minutes. Two years ago, with the support of the American Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences and of Warner Brothers, Ronald Haver began the search for such fragments of the cut portions as might have survived, scattered in the film vaults. After many months he had collected enough to reconstitute a version approximating to Cukor's original. Cukor himself died the day before its first screening, which Sheridan Morley described on this page a few months ago. The restored version of *A Star is Born* has just opened at the Gate, Notting Hill, and other cinemas. James Mason, who plays Norman Maine, a Hollywood star whose career is on the wane at the same time as Esther Blodgett (Garland) is rising to the top, recalls his experiences in making the film, in an interview with David Robinson

it had been used only for big things like *The Robe*. Nicholas Ray in *Rebel Without a Cause* and Kazan with *East of Eden* had opened it up; and it had suited the underwater scenes in another film I did at this time. Richard Fleischer's *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*; but this was the first time it had been used really intelligently.

"My own work on the film was finished, of course, as soon as there were no more dialogue scenes required. The scenes where I was involved with music had already been done. So at that point they stopped production and took a break to prepare the big, marathon numbers "Born in a Trunk" and "Lose that Long Face".

The latter number was one of the cuts made by Warners. I didn't expect them to do anything as big as "Born in a Trunk". I was always poking my nose into other peoples' business and trying to solve their problems for them, and I knew that Jack Warner was getting rather browned off with the slow progress and mounting cost of the film. So I thought the best thing to do would be to call up Louis B. Mayer and see if he had some old numbers with Judy left over that they hadn't used in her films, and do a deal for them. That certainly is what I would have been tempted to do if I'd been in Jack Warner's shoes; so it came as a great surprise when they shot a 15-minute musical sequence.

"When I saw the film finally it had already been truncated; and I was disappointed. I felt the scenes cut from the beginning were among the best - certainly for Judy. She was playing them at a level of comedy, against a stressful situation, and was at her very best.

"Moreover, as it stood, "Born in a Trunk" seemed a big, un-called-for thing, quite disproportionate now that the film had been shortened. So I was disappointed; though not disappointed that "Lose that Long Face" had been dropped. In the full version, of course, you see how it helps that part of the picture: the placing of it actually makes it more dramatic. There are so many things that work better like that; and the public realizes it. Like me, I think the public's reaction to the cut version was one of disappointment although they could not at the time know why.

"Anyway, now we have the full version at last. It's most fun seeing it with an audience. I've done a certain amount of touring around with it - Radio City Music Hall (6,000 people - wonderful), Washington, Dallas, the Paramount Theatre in Oakland, a wonderful art deco theatre beautifully restored. I went to all these shows. It's a sort of charity deal really. I was doing it for and in the interests of the Academy, which is worth supporting. They have a hard time doing the work they want to do, part of which is restoring old films, which is very costly. The Oscar show, whatever you may think of it, makes a great deal of money for them. And that's what it's for: to provide funds for work like this on our picture".

was a kid at MGM. Witnesses testify that it was then she got into the habit of uppers and downers, with the encouragement of the top brass at MGM. They wanted to get the most out of her, so they didn't take it amiss if she took a little pick-me-up in the morning and sleeping pills at night. It became a habit and in course of time got worse.

"But on the set she was wonderful, easy. She didn't put in as many hours as a less talented woman would have done. There were mornings when she wasn't fit to work until about eleven o'clock because she'd taken too many sleeping pills or something. When she woke up, though, she was great - marvellous, enthusiastic, thoroughly professional, a

joy to work with. Of course Cukor was sometimes exasperated when she didn't show up until late in the morning - after all he had to cope with Jack Warner as well, and was desperate to keep things going.

"The mood of Hollywood was not in favour of the picture. They shook their heads over Judy, who hadn't managed to make a film for four years since MGM dropped her contract: she had been 'suspended' from both *Annie Get Your Gun* and *Royal Wedding* for not showing up. She told me that a friend had heard Arthur Freed say, referring to her and her then husband, Sid Luft: "Those alley cats couldn't make a film". That was the mood of Hollywood. There was no enthusiasm either at Warners or in the

press: the dismal history of the film after it was finished was in these circumstances hardly surprising.

"We had a curious beginning with the film, because finally I was the one who held up that start. Not Judy. I got an inner ear embalance, which makes you dizzy; you stagger like a drunken man. I had to stay in bed for a week, and when I began work I was still a little foggy - and not helped by the way that George would talk, talk, talk; that made you dizzy. Anyway, I was able to use my foginess to advantage.

"Encouraged by Hoyningen-Huene, who was engaged as special colour adviser on the film, George had a funny idea of relating the theme of any scene he was trying to do to the work of a particular artist-painter, to achieve visual atmosphere. For this particular scene he had decided on Fuseli; he wanted to capture the feeling of one of Fuseli's nightmare paintings. I was not aware of the idea until I was going down a corridor and met a girl most peculiarly painted and got up. I stopped her and said: "Excuse me, what are you playing?" And she said: "Ah... I play a curtain". It was revealed that Cukor was going to mix these peculiarly painted girls with the curtains, so that they could move as if in a breeze. I would think in my drunken haze that I saw a girl, and then... "Ah, it's just a curtain." That was the idea, anyway. It didn't work. He abandoned it. He didn't have many ideas like that though, not on this picture.

"He was splendid to work with. Of course he had done most of his best work earlier, at MGM; afterwards it was not so interesting for him. But he was always shrewd enough to surround himself with very good technical advisers. The cameraman, Sam Leavitt, had not done anything very important before, but Cukor had formed the relationship with Hoyningen-Huene.

"Seeing the film again, too, I realize how important was the contribution of Gene Allen as the production designer. I think his contribution was more important than Hoyningen-Huene's. This was the first time that anyone had used CinemaScope imaginatively. Generally

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Television



Videostars: John Birt and Caroline Quentin

Howard Shuman, he of the Rock Follies, thinks that the broad issue about television is whether you should send people to sleep or wake them up, which is too broad a definition for me, leaving out both those who do not need television as a stimulant to wakefulness and those for whom it provides a welcome answer to insomnia.

Mr Schuman favours waking people up. His *Understars*, BBC 1 last night, envisaged the kind of cable TV show he hopes there might be fears there will not be. I reckon his fears are well founded though, do not think it will be a deprivation.

His play covered the fortunes of Channel D, produced as a kind of misfit TV and run by a manic bunch all well qualified to meet any such demand. There was the kind of television show guaranteed to include the appetite for gapping without participating, which television at its worst is best at.

It rambled through 80 minutes with no trouble, full of fast-forward talk, pop caricature, cynicism, and entertainment. Channel D becomes a raging success resisted only by reactionaries who turn out to be corrupt but triumphant. At last the defeated crew is planning a pirate station to broadcast from a place called over Pimlico.

It was smart, slick, always on the edge of possibility, exuberantly directed by Colin Buckley and produced by Kenneth Trodd with strong performances by Tim Curry as the loony presenter, Benedict Taylor, Nicholas Ball and Walter Fall.

Yorkshire's *First Tuesday* went to West Virginia, where men are men and women will not be left on the surface. They go down the coal mines. There are 3,000 women miners in the US and, as Charles Flynn's film showed, they are a formidable breed.

Fifty-year-old Dorothy Keane, the first woman to venture into one Appalachian mine, testified that the men had put her through hell for six months but she had stuck it out and certainly did not seem diminished. Her grandchildren, she said, were ecstatic about her being a miner.

Women miners began to multiply five years ago when the Coal Employment Project took legal action to end discrimination. Opposition had come not only from men but from their wives, but the newer generation of males are taking female buddies for granted. This summer one woman died alongside six men in an underground explosion but this has only served to make the women determined to make the mines safer.

The second half of the programme, directed by Peter Gordon, dealt with strippers in the North-East. Stripping is one of the few booming businesses and the big day is Sunday when the men sip their pints and peer or leer while, presumably, their own little women are cooking the lunch. Sub-titles might have helped here and there but it was nicely done.

Dennis Hackett

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THE ARTS

Concerts

Well-balanced

Chilingirian Quartet Elizabeth Hall

Programming a Beethoven quartet cycle demands considerable skill...

I have not heard this quartet for some years - since before Csaba Erdelyi replaced Simon Rowland-Jones as the viola player...

The way the opening of the Adagio in Op 127 rose up from the half-breathed cello pulse to flower gradually in Chilingirian's solo showed complete understanding...

tone and phrasing was very subtle (the first violin's prelude to the fugato in the opening movement of the Rasumovsky, and the cellist's statement of the Adagio theme in the same quartet were both magically textured)...

Though the sound is rich - sometimes too rich, as when the first violin's crucial change in a repeated phrase from A flat to A in the Op 127 finale was blurred by a slide - there was plenty of fierce attack...

Oddly, the two movements that misfired were the two scherzos that in Op 127 were sharply outlined but the sections did not hang together...

Nicholas Kenyon

Goldsmiths Choral Union/Wright Festival Hall

The virtues of Brian Wright's approach to Messiah with the Goldsmiths Choral Union are several...

It brought about a welcome clarity of texture in most of the courses, which were sung with vivacious spirit and sprung rhythms...

Of the four young soloists Susan Mason displayed a true

contralto, deep and rich, giving strength of feeling to "But who may abide" and making one regret that "He was despised" was shortened to its first section alone...

Adrian Thompson's elegance and style made much of the tenor solos. He affected a curious syllabic stress in referring to "A rod of eye-iron" which came as something of a jolt...

Here again the number was shortened, but not perhaps to its disadvantage. Mr Wright is a shrewd judge of musical character that treats a further balance between period style and musical purpose...

Noel Goodwin

Interview



Richard Alston, left, and John Hubbard discuss the costume for one of the ballerinas in Midsummer

A meeting of landscape and dance

Tonight the Royal Ballet performs two premieres: a new work by David Bintley and Midsummer, choreographed by Richard Alston and designed by John Hubbard...

Before he became a choreographer, Richard Alston was at art school: who can tell whether that has been a factor in his having strong views on how he wants his ballets to look?

So it came about that, having been commissioned for the first time by the Royal Ballet, he took advantage of a trip to the country with friends to invite himself to the Dorset home of the painter John Hubbard...

Alston had already chosen the music: Tippett's Fantasia Concertante on a theme of

Corelli. Why that particular score? "Out of all the music I listened to, the Tippett seemed to have the qualities I wanted, most particularly a warmth of feeling in direct contrast to Hindemith's Konzentmusik..."

"Having made that decision, all sorts of logistical factors confirmed it. For one thing, I did not want to take on anything too extended. I think perhaps that when I made The Kingdom of Pagodas in Copenhagen last year I attempted too much, working with a classical ballet company for the first time..."

"The ballet begins and ends with pas de deux, in between which the texture is more complex. There is a section for the men, for instance, in which each in turn comes to the front for a solo while the other five keep a sort of ground-bass going behind. The sections flow swiftly one into the other, reflecting the pace and continuity of the music."

The piece is to be conducted

by Howard Williams (new to ballet), who is preparing Tippett's Knot Garden for the Opera Factory next year, and Tippett, who has been enthusiastic and supportive, will be at the premiere of Midsummer.

Listening to the music gave Alston "such a strong feeling of landscape that I thought of asking a landscape painter to design it, and I felt that John Hubbard's painting in particular reflected the multi-layered texture of the string orchestra."

Alston and Hubbard had been introduced at Sadler's Wells during one of Ballet Rambert's seasons when Alston's ballets were being given, but they did not really know one another, although each knew and liked the other's work...

"I started by listening to the music, and I developed an idea which I prepared in four different versions. I then showed them to Richard and he said no, that was not what he had in mind at all. He did not want an "English landscape" look, but something hotter and more energetic. We were in my flat at the time and there were two of my pictures on the wall which he pointed out as both having something of the quality he was hoping for."

"That was most helpful and I began again. I once more made four different versions, but there was one I much preferred, and that was the one Richard chose."

Hubbard thereupon took up the questioning: "You told me it was the first time you had ever had the decor of one of your ballets six months before the premiere. Did it affect your choreography to know what kind of background it would be seen against?"

"In one sense no, because the ballet comes from the music, but I could have treated that music more sharply. I think that the flow of your design, seeping right across the back of the stage, made me use a softer, more fluid kind of music in the arms and shoulders, for instance."

A black and white photograph of the model for the decor reveals it to be a sweeping abstract pattern. Alston adds that it is also full of brilliant colour. He made the somewhat reluctant Hubbard design the costumes, but by mutual agreement they have been kept simple.

"The materials are simple too. I hate the shiny lycra tights that so many people use nowadays," Alston explains. "It seems to me that they dehumanize the dancers, turn them into glossy objects. I would rather see people who look like people on the stage."

He has picked a young cast and speaks enthusiastically about them, and about how hard the company works, noting that while his and David Bintley's new ballets were in preparation, they also put on Swan Lake, Manon and three mixed bills, all with several casts. The reverse of this is that his first cast will perform Midsummer only four times this month, and a second cast just once, and then have to wait until the 1984-5 season before it can possibly be scheduled again.

"With Rambert, four performances of a work represents one week, and then they do it again each week through the tour." However, Alston recognizes that the scarcity of performances at Covent Garden makes it all the more important that the ballet is absolutely right by the opening. "Well, the score is wonderful, the design strong and the dancers excellent, so if anything is wrong, the fault can only be mine."

Opera in New York Sacrificing all

Ernani Metropolitan Opera

Verdi's fifth opera, Ernani, is a forward-looking work which, in its concision, tunefulness and reliance on what Gabriele Baldini has termed an "abstract libretto" of outsized emotions, floating as if in the void and generating sparks through contact with each other, foreshadows the very similar, but much better coordinated, features of Il trovatore.

Trovatore was written, so it was said, for the four greatest voices in the world, almost the same goes for Ernani. Perhaps this is why the Metropolitan Opera has kept it on the fringes of its repertoire since the Bing days (though its most powerful attribute was always the dominating portrayal of the king, Carlo, by Leonard Warren). The merit (or demerit, depending on your point of view) of the new production of Ernani at the Met is that it chose to sacrifice everything to a concert in costume.

The sets and production were by Pier Luigi Samaritani, whose baroque paintings-brought-to-life of dusky colours, rich velvet and sweeping staircases served as a plush jewel box for the singers, who found themselves, with the chorus, posed picturesquely rather than staged, and posed moreover close to the welcoming audience. Ernani entered "suddenly" by strolling in from the wings: the Silva conspiracy of at least 50 armed men against Carlo was instantly overcome by the appearance of five or six soldiers. The stage-pictures, however, were striking.

It was all in the voices. As Ernani, Luciano Pavarotti was in excellent voice in a role that suits him in its range and in its lyric-spinto character. In this honour, James Levine interposed the rather banal but undoubtedly effective Act II grand aria "Odo il voto" (which Verdi wrote for the tenor Ivanoff). The bandit chorus was kept discreetly off-stage until the cabaletta. Pavarotti's restrained movements and his clarion tenor made for a strong Ernani, at its most affecting in the final duo. Though the voice now lacks colour and tends to close at the very top, Pavarotti deserved his ovation.

Leona Mitchell's Elvira was sung with lovely tone and graceful ease, needing slightly more rhythmic point and temperament, especially for her opening "Ernani, Involami." Ruggiero Raimondi, once again, was an outstanding presence - he is the finest bass in the company His Silva, forceful of voice and musically pliant of phrase, was always a pleasure, though he skewed the story by appearing, not as a white-haired fanatic dotard but as a vigorous, grey-haired elder who could have chewed up both Ernani and Carlo before breakfast.

Sherrill Milnes has not been in good vocal health lately (he cancelled his gala appearance), and in truth his Carlo was not what he could sing at his best. The voice seemed pushed, cloudy at the beginning.

He gathered his forces for his Act III scena and cavatina but, though he did display a ringing top, there was little sense of easy command about the singing.

Early and middle Verdi are James Levine's known weaknesses. He applies his rhythmic verve and at times a sweep (the final act went best), but what is missing is an overall feel for the shape of Verdi on the larger scale, a feel that he has for the works of Wagner, Strauss and, I think, Mozart. Here the whole dissolves into the "numbers" of the mid-nineteenth century operatic storehouse, and there is a ponderousness which undercuts the emergent quicksilver vitality of Verdi's writing.

But it was a singers' evening, and, as such, hurried by those who want the Met to be, in this centennial year, what it has always prided itself on being, a singers' house.

Patrick J. Smith



Luciano Pavarotti as Ernani: in excellent voice

London debuts

Dynamic contrasts

A rewarding week, introducing two recent prize-winners. It was for the vividness of his characterization, with richly savoured words, that the East German baritone, Olaf Bär (discovered in last summer's Waltham International Lieder Contest) made such an impression. Wolf and Strassu accommodated his strong dynamic contrasts, with one or two over-excitably hard-hit top notes, better than Mendelssohn and Schumann, where suaver tonal gradation and line would sometimes have been welcome. But it was a vibrant voice of true operatic potential.

Congratulations, too, to the John Mills Guitar Competition jury for finding a winner of such musical and technical finesse as the young Swede Mats Bergström. The use of a mellow-toned 11-stringed instrument no doubt contributed to clear, expressive part-playing and rhythmic control in Dowland and Bach. But contemporary music played on a normal guitar found him no less sensitive a spell-binder, not least in five delicately atmospheric new Preludes by Timothy Bowers.

An all-Czech programme won Prague's Dolezal Quartet a warm welcome - and rightly so for such mellow tonal homogeneity and rejection of the merely slick. Unhurried tempo and lyrical charm kept Dvorak's "American" Quartet wholly other-world in spirit, while the scherzo from his Op 105, played as first encore, was a tale of pure joy. Ending with a movement by the early eighteenth-century Mica, they certainly whetted the appetite for further bohemian rarities promised on record.

With a sense of style to underpin an easy command of his instrument, the English violinist, Simon Fischer respected the gravity of Tartini's "Didone abbandonata" Sonata

before travelling chronologically, with ripening tone and strengthening drive, through Beethoven's Op No 3 and Brahms's Sonatas: to Franck's Sonata in A. Here, with generous keyboard support from Gordon Back, the floodgates opened: every phrase glowed. Finally Sarasate's Zigeunerweisen, bringing a happy reconciliation of temperament and good taste.

It was hard to judge the English cellist James Potter to Beethoven's early F major Sonata since Alan Gravill's injudiciously eager piano playing so often swamped him. In Martin's Rossini Variations and the Serenade from Stravinsky's Suite Italienne, balance markedly improved, revealing Mr Potter as a serious-minded musician able to sustain a firm, significant line even if to become fully wooing his tone, like his phrasing, still seems to need some lubrication.

Joan Chissell

St John's, Smith Square was surrounded by an unprecedented security cordon; the orchestra filled most of the church; Her Majesty the Queen Mother was received in what I always thought was the BBC studio cubicle - the trappings of the gala concert which presented the Ulster Orchestra in London for the first time since its enlargement made concentration on the music difficult. But one could hear enough among the dignitaries and sold-out audience to hail the success of what had been a most enterprising collaborative venture.

In 1981 the Ulster Orchestra, then a 37-piece ensemble brought together (after its independence from the Northern Ireland Arts Council a year earlier) broadcasting authorities, commercial sponsorship, the Musicians' Union and the local Musicians' Association to establish a larger orchestra.

Byden Thomson, who has directed the orchestra since 1977, had clearly worked wonders to give his new 55-strong orchestra cohesion and character. The sound in St John's (not the ideal place for a large group) was vividly alive, almost rumbustious. In Bax's Tintagel (the players have made an art speciality of his music and that of Hamilton Harty) and Sibelius's First Symphony, the playing had a tremendous sweep and verve.

Nicholas Kenyon

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TONIGHT CAPTAIN ZUNIGA WILL BE STRANGLER.

Walesa: 'We cannot fail to win'

Every morning this year's Nobel Peace Prize laureate takes the local commuter train to the Lenin shipyards in Gdansk where he clocks in, waves cheerily to the security guard and starts work in the electrical repair section. These days he looks a bit tired.

The cold fact is that Lech Walesa is a man without a clearly defined role. His union has been dissolved, the underground opposition has assumed diffuse forms, none of which requires the kind of charismatic leadership that he can offer. The Nobel Prize - which his wife Danusia will collect in Oslo on Saturday - has, however, restored to him the moral authority he needs to speak freely and loudly about the gap between government achievements and the expectations of the Polish people. Politically, he must wait again for the development of a mass protest movement. The Nobel Prize means that however long he has to stand off-stage, sharing Poland's suspended animation, he will not be forgotten.

The following interview was conducted in Gdansk at the end of November by two Polish journalists whose wish is to remain anonymous. It covers Walesa's present position: his relationship with the Polish Government, with Solidarity's underground workers and with the Church, and his expectations for the future of his country's struggle.



"I noticed at one point that the Holy Father looked tired", Walesa said. "I decided to cheer him up."

How do you feel in your role as Nobel Peace Prize laureate?

The prize isn't for me; it's for the non-violent forms of struggle implemented by Solidarity. I told everyone who rang up to congratulate me, "It's all thanks to you. It's your prize." And I really think that it is. Of course, I'm pleased, like everyone, but after all this prize has brought me endless troubles. I have handed the money over to the fund for agriculture; the medals, diplomas and so on will be placed at [the Monastery of St Mary of] Jasna Gora, where everyone can benefit from them.

Don't you think this prize has come a year too late?

Frankly, I didn't expect it even now. But I think it has come at a good time. We were getting a little tired, and this certainly helped. And we now have the conditions to put it to positive use. Of course, the question is not merely one of money, but of being able to communicate our ideas to the whole world. A year ago there was still too much emotion and high feeling to construct a positive programme.

Why did you earmark the money for agriculture [i.e. the church-sponsored funds for individual farmers] and not, for instance, for the underground's activities?

You must understand that the underground represents only one stage in our struggle. But we all of us live off the earth and we all have to feed ourselves. The crisis is getting worse,

and no one can handle it. If we have something to eat, then let the people on top squabble for positions; we'll do our own stuff.

Why have you decided against going in person to accept the prize?

I decided that my wife Danusia should go, along with our eldest son, and Mr Mazowiecki [a Catholic intellectual and adviser to Walesa]. I did so for two reasons. Participating in the ceremony, in a dinner jacket, I would feel a little like a penguin in the knowledge that my friends - my co-laureates - are sitting in prison. And then, Walesa refused re-entry to the country. Walesa in the West, would be much more convenient for the authorities than Walesa here.

Your activity has been compared to that of Gandhi. What do you make of this comparison?

I do not think Gandhi's geopolitical situation was easier.

Are there any differences between you and the TKK [Provisional Co-ordinating Commission] in your assessment of the situation?

I think there are no serious differences between us, which is not to say that we agree on everything. There are some differences, and so there should be. But I repeat, nothing fundamental. We are, after all, all fighting for the same thing, but with different methods.

You have to understand some tactical differences. Someone working underground, like the TKK, cannot

afford to adopt a mild stance. If you have committed yourself to a decisive struggle, you have to be decisive in carrying it through. Softening, looking for mild solutions, should be left to those who are active in the open. Let them tread gently, but the TKK should be firm.

They represent a position that has been reached democratically. As a member of the union, I must sometimes submit to their decisions. I will put forward my own proposals as well, but I shall make sure that no misunderstandings arise between us which might suggest non-existent conflicts.

You may have noticed that after my first meeting with them in April, the statement which was issued was signed only by members of the TKK. But the statement after our meeting, in November, carries my signature too. This is because the situation now is extremely dangerous and unity is required. The government's programme means the impoverishment of society.

In your opinion, should the Solidarity underground come out into the open?

I have always maintained that each person should choose the most effective methods of struggle according to his abilities. Each should, in accordance with his own conscience, decide on the way he will choose.

Are you not taking your activities only half-way from fear of imprisonment? I have never been afraid of prison.

Those who know me know also that I have been in prison many times. I am not afraid of it today any more than I was then. But I think that my activities are more effective, and more profitable, if they remain in the open. It's possible that one day I may be able to achieve more by being imprisoned. I'm really not afraid of it.

'I have never been afraid of prison'

Are you able to communicate with the underground leadership of the union?

As you know, I have met them once already. Contrary to appearances, the protection of the security services is not effective. Of course, now, it's more difficult for me, I am better known and under closer surveillance than I was before August [1980], but I still know how to lose them. But seriously, we are fighting for the same thing, so of course we have to discuss and arrange things, and there must be some contact.

You are still unquestionably the leader of Solidarity. But the name of [Zbigniew] Bujak is chanted more and more often at demonstrations. What is your impression of this?

These people had an enormous role to play, because they were responsible for organizing resistance when I was sitting in an internment camp. Hence their great authority. Not only Bujak's, who is in hiding, but also [Wladyslaw] Frasyniuk's, who is in prison. I am not irreplaceable, and I would even be very happy if someone would finally come along and take my place. This year should see the second congress of Solidarity: it was meant to take place biannually. Not only my own successors, but the successors of Bujak and Frasyniuk as well, would certainly have made their appearance there. Naturally they are not visible yet, but they are doing their work.

You have said that more people support us now than during the time of Solidarity. Can we infer from this that more people today are hostile to the regime?

I have never said anything about hostility. I have never used that term. Of course more people support us now than in our best times. You only have to know how to see it. Perhaps it's not so visible at demonstrations. Our society has a very developed political consciousness. It knows that today, when our side offers non-violent forms of protest, and the other side offers only truncheons and prisons, demonstrations are ineffective. We must be able to leave the streets for the factories and to be active there. That was where we won in August, that is where we shall win again. At the same time there are many people on the other side who wish us well and who are already helping us; even some of the police. But we shall not win tomorrow, and there's no use deluding ourselves; we have to get there with the fewest possible losses.

You don't visit various regions of the country in the way that you did when Solidarity was legal. How, then, do you know the mood of the people?

As I said before, I do have contacts. People from all over Poland are constantly coming to see me, too many of them, in fact. And we talk. I can't and I don't want to supervise, to direct. Many local initiatives have started up. At the beginning there was some hesitation, but later new people come, and take root. They solve their own problems, because they have to. This is a very good thing; people have to learn to act and make decisions on their own.

What is your attitude to the Church? Does the Church advise you?

The Church transcends time, and I would like it to stay that way. Current political matters are not the affair of the Church. But it will advise anyone who listens to its teachings. Even those who go to mass in the course of their duties. The Church doesn't say: do this, do that. It speaks of truth and of dignity, and that is enough.

How would you assess the role of the Church in Poland today, after the delegitimation of Solidarity? My attitude to the Church has not

changed. What has happened is that the Church's obligations to the people have increased. It had to take on responsibility for helping the interned, the imprisoned, and all those in need, and it did this splendidly. Indeed, it continues to do it.

May I ask what you talked of during your last meeting with John Paul II?

A communique was issued on the subject of my meeting with the Holy Father. I can add only one thing to it. I noticed at one point that the Holy Father looked tired, troubled. I decided to cheer him up, since I saw that he wanted to cheer me up, and I said: Holy Father, I think Poland is a chosen nation, the most fortunate nation in the world. The Holy Father looks at me and asks why. I say that every day, many times a day we can define ourselves. We live helplessly, things which are evident elsewhere are not evident here, black is white for us. We are constantly testing ourselves. That is why we are able to go back to the roots. At the same time we look at rich Americans and ask, by what tests do the measure themselves? Well, they can pick up a new girl, get a new car... The Holy Father liked this very much.

You are constantly surrounded and under surveillance by the police. How do you manage to live in these conditions?

It's not pleasant, but you can get used to anything. Every situation has its good sides. Even when so many cars tail me and so many people follow me, at least everyone knows where their taxes are going.

Do you read the newspapers? What is your reaction when the official press attacks you?

Of course I read the papers. I especially enjoy reading articles in which I am attacked. Because if they attack me, and of the rest of us. And anyway, the things they accuse me of are always absurd. Now, when I send my wife Danuta to take my place at the Nobel prize ceremonies, they will probably say I am sending her off because I want to play around with other women while she's away.

What do you expect from the West, today?

Perseverance. Above all perseverance, and remembering that the work we are doing here is not only for ourselves. We are propagating peaceful methods of achieving goals. Our ideals apply not only to Poland. They should form the basis for international solidarity.

What do you think of the pending trials of members of the National Commission and KOR [the Workers Defence Committee]?

I am ashamed that such things take place in my country. Unfortunately, we have no effective means at the moment of preventing a situation where the best of us get sentenced and put in prison. These people really are the best among us, and we must do everything to prevent this.

Bringing charges against seven members of the National Commission and experts from KOR isn't law, it's

'They will achieve nothing with tanks'

political revenge. It is an attempt to divide us. Of course we had our differences of opinion with Kuron [Jacek Kuron, KOR leader], or Rulewski [Jan Rulewski, Solidarity leader in Bydgoszcz region]. But I was the leader, I stood at the head of the National Commission. The talk about an extreme wing of Solidarity is propaganda rubbish. Their public statements are cut up and put back together in such a way as to make it seem that they wanted to overthrow everything. You can do that with anyone. We worked together, and if anyone finds them guilty, then they must find me guilty too.

What is "Solidarity" today?

A value and an ideal which we have served and which we continue to serve. The name Solidarity best expresses what we are doing and want to keep on doing.

Do you have a programme of action? What is it?

I'm not alpha and omega and I can't provide solutions on a golden platter. But it is certain that the people on the other side will come to see that they won't achieve anything with tanks and shouted threats. Some of them have already come to see this. They will become more and more divided among themselves, will blame each other when things continue to get worse. We must be prepared for that. We cannot let ourselves be divided and we must return to our factories. That is our place, that is where our strength lies. We must also have concrete economic and administrative solutions, so that we don't repeat the business with the Solidarity statutes, which were drawn up in two days because no-one had thought of it before. But I am a worker and I can't prepare that myself. There are wiser people out there, they should consider and draw up proposals, and the time for implementing them will surely come.

I am convinced that we simply cannot fail to win. The system is inefficient, it doesn't work, and we must prepare new solutions. Perhaps it would be good if these were solutions not only for us, but for the whole world.

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moreover... Miles Kington

Season's greetings to you, too

However much we like Advent calendars, there is something very old-fashioned about them, something which doesn't quite correspond to the real Christmas of 1913. So for all of you who like little windows, but don't like pictures of teddy bears and red-breast robins, here's a brilliant new idea - a Christmas check-list!

Simply tick off each of the following Christmas omens as you see them. When all the boxes are full, it's Christmas time.

An article by Kingsley Amis on hangovers, and the uselessness of trying to cure them.

A reminder that it is now too late to post Christmas cards abroad.

A message from the BBC that you can see more than 100 feature films over the Christmas period if you have nothing better to do.

A man from the Weather Centre saying that we are unlikely to have a white Christmas this year, but we can always dream about it.

Bing Crosby on radio doing just that.

The first Christmas card from someone you wouldn't dream of sending a card to.

A search for gloves which reveals only three in the house, none of them matching.

A horrendous traffic jam explained by the surly taxi driver as being caused by all those blasted people come to see the Christmas decorations.

The sudden realization that all the Christmas trees left in the shops are less than a foot high.

The first Christmas card from someone whose address you have lost.

The general air of foreboding and doom at work, caused by the approach of the office party.

A cheery article about mullered wires and hot punches, which you cut out and put with all the articles you have cut out at previous Christmas.

The first Christmas card from a relative abroad to whom it is now too late to send a card back.

The first TV trailers for Christmas specials, made by TV stars who have already finished the programme and are now loitering in the Bahamas.

An encouraging article saying that Beaujolais nouveau is now even better to drink than when it first got here, and that the stampede to drink it on the day of arrival was only a publicity gimmick by the importers. The article does not mention that it, too, is a publicity gimmick by the importers.

The first TV news item on Christmas at Greenham Common.

The first Christmas card from an illegible signature.

A belated decision to go out and buy a Christmas tree less than a foot high, only to find that they have all been bought by Japanese bonzai tree enthusiasts.

The first ice on the inside of the bedroom window.

The first feature about young British novelists saying which pop-up books they have most enjoyed in 1983.

A premature leak about the Queen's Christmas broadcast, revealing either that she is addressing the unemployed directly this year, or that Barry Manilow will make a guest appearance.

An announcement by British Rail called Special Christmas Services, announcing that there will be no trains on Christmas Day.

The sudden memory that the big box hidden away for the children said on the lid - "Batteries not included".

A realization that the only calendars left in the shops feature either kittens or parts of Scotland coloured bright yellow and blue.

The gradual replacement of all scheduled TV programmes by trailers for Christmas programmes.

The appearance of the first TV news reader with a piece of holly on the desk.

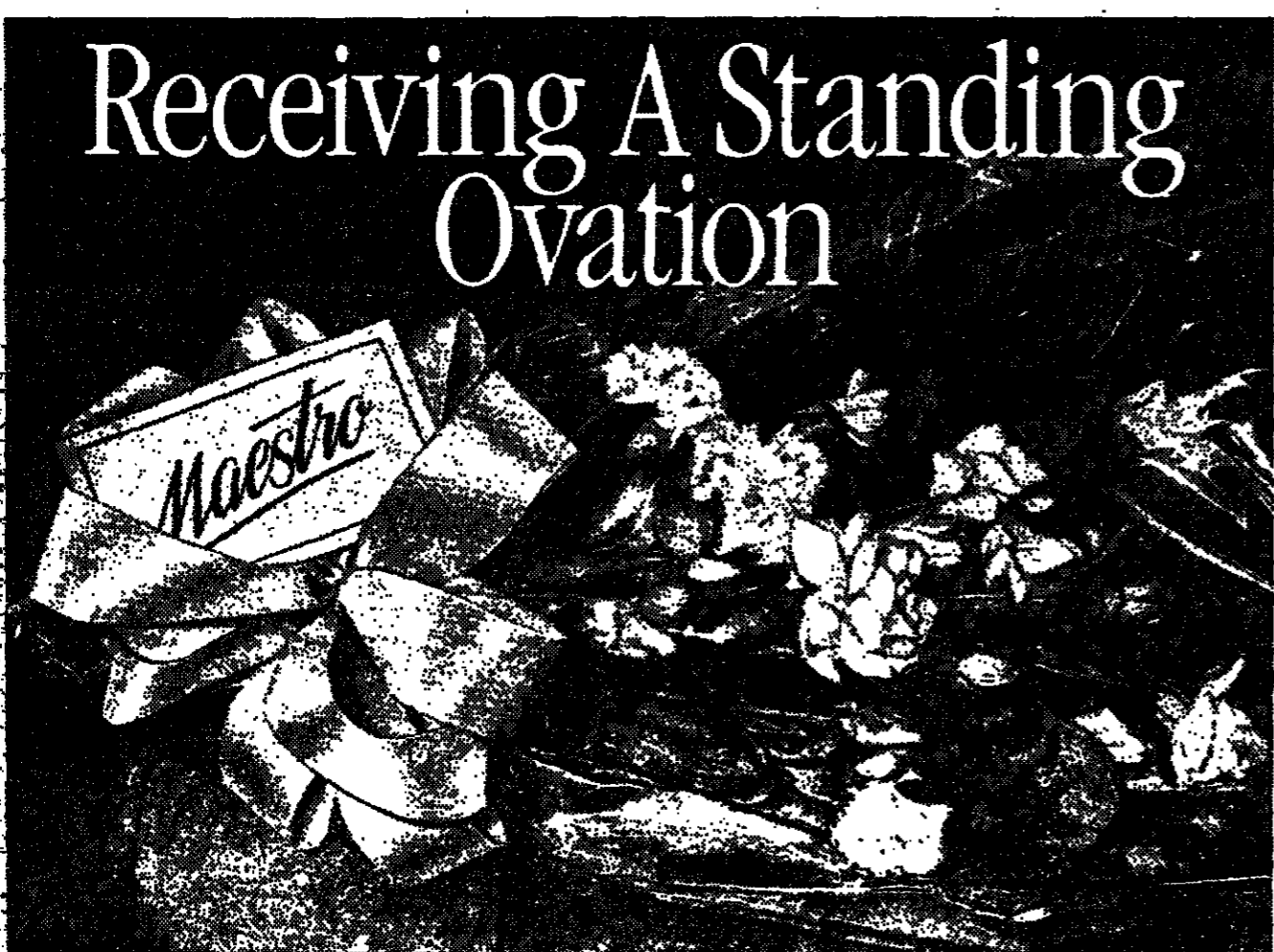
The total collapse of the television set five minutes after shops close for Christmas.

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

ALAN FRANKS' DIARY



Tidings of something, if not exactly joy

I know it is a blasphemous thought at this time of year, but I do feel the religious lyric is bankrupt of all relevance to the reality of a modern Christmas.

While Shepherds quaffed their hocks by night All seated in the lounge Their little angel Maud came down And furious was her sound.

It is high time this diary turned back the pages of the calendar, in the interests of comparative study.

It is past midnight as I glide furtively up Orchard Road towards Maitland's house.

We two kids of prurient pa Barring rifts we're bound to go far Massing amounts in canny accounting Running a company car

Bump into Maitland at the shops and receive a glacial stare. Clearly he knows the authorship of the lyric.

While Shepherds quaffed has not gone down at all well with the family in question.

Bump into both Shepherds in the park, and am cut dead. I return home and try to pen a redressing stanza.

While Shepherds scooped their chocs by night I give up.

To be or not to be a mother

Hilaire Gomer on the dilemmas of delayed parenthood

The current fashion among women with careers is to put off having babies until they are well into their 30s.

She is treated just like her younger counterparts in a world where medicine and midwives rule - visiting clinics, breathing classes, taking iron tablets and so on - except when it comes to amniocentesis.

As the trend to have children later in life becomes more common, so does the dilemma which accompanies the test.

The prospect of having the test at 16 weeks of pregnancy jars the cosy, smooth-flowing process of pregnancy. Amniocentesis involves injecting a hypodermic needle into the womb near the navel of the mother and withdrawing some of the amniotic fluid which surrounds the foetus.

For some women the actual test is not a trauma, merely a necessary means, with luck, to peace of mind for the rest of the pregnancy.

Obviously the dilemma becomes easier the older the woman is as the chances of having a mongol foetus becomes higher than the odds on a miscarriage.

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There are beary Yorkshire puddings baked under massive roasts and richly endowed with their drippings.

These are the puddings for serving in mighty slices, with gravy, to blunt appetites raring for beef.

Then there are individual Yorkshire puddings of great virtue which are high and crisp and golden at the edges and tender in the middle.

These are the ones I like best and I bake them in a tin designed for the job. When it arrived uninvited at the office several years ago, it looked like a candidate for the drawer of sticks that are more useful in theory than in practice.

Anything much plainer than Yorkshire pudding takes some finding. Yet the choice of formulas for this traditional dish is extensive and the results they produce are greatly varied.

This woman had risked the high odds on having a miscarriage by deciding to have the first test, after much discussion.

The risk of miscarriage cannot be underestimated, nor can the danger of limb damage to the foetus and rhesus blood problems.

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Considering what a termination involves at such a late stage as 18-20 weeks, to go through with it takes courage.

Perhaps the most galling thing of all is to be denied the choice of taking the test because you are just "under age", and then to give birth to an abnormal baby.

She continues: "When very soon afterwards I was pregnant again there was no question of not having the test. It was done at 16 weeks and I knew at 19 weeks that the child - now three-year-old Polly - was normal."

The risk of miscarriage, the cost to the NHS of doing the test at a younger age and the relative odds against having a deformed baby all weigh against amniocentesis being advised much before 37.

For most pregnant women the life-forming process after conception is pleasantly devoid of decisions.

The deed is done and it is just a matter of being patient and watching the stomach grow. So to have to make a number of decisions about the amniotic test can be a shock.

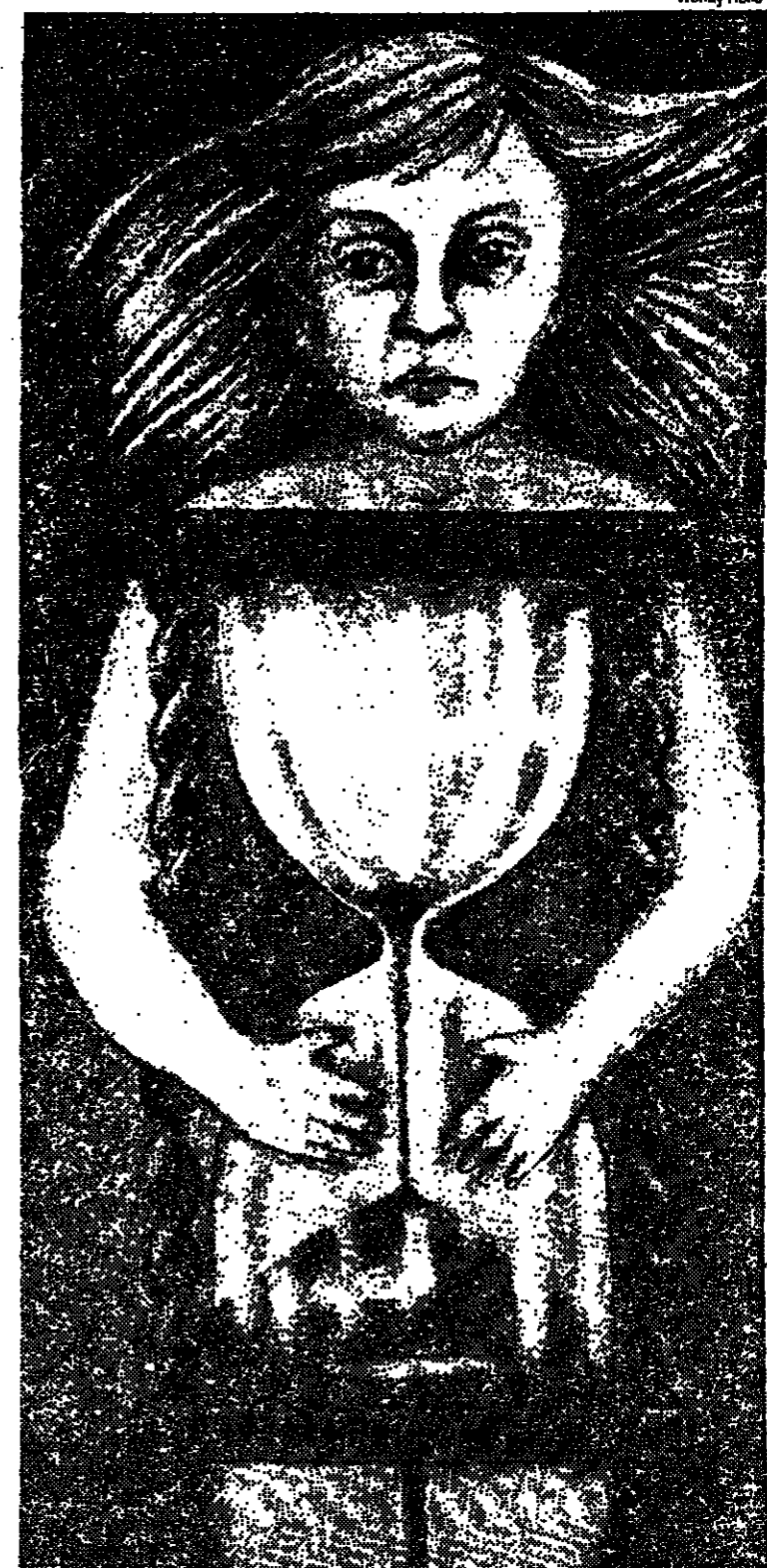
And even after making choices, fate can still intervene. For example, a mother-to-be of twins recently had the test done twice - once for each foetal sack, it was thought.

Individual cheese-flavoured puffs of choux pastry called gougères are equally good with lamb and beef.

Whisk the egg whites until they hold stiff peaks. Stir a spoonful of the meringue into the cheese base, then fold in the remainder.

Divide the mixture between the buttered ramekins and bake them in a preheated hot oven (220°C/425°F, gas mark 7) for 25 to 30 minutes.

Run a knife round each dish and turn out the gougères. Serve immediately.



Wendy Hole

Pudding for all tastes

Food, like child-rearing, is a subject on which everyone has views. To write about it is to invite an exchange of ideas and it is never possible to please everyone.

Talk about anything as basic as jam and several readers are sure to say that they have been making the stuff for great-grandmother's recipe for several decades now.

But offer novelty, invention, something exotic or costly and those who like plain fare best take up their pens to say the food here is getting too high falutin, by half.

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THE TIMES COOK



Shona Crawford Poole

1 large egg 150 ml (1/2 pint) milk 4 teaspoons dripping

Sift the flour and salt into a bowl. Break the egg into the bowl and mix with the flour to make a smooth paste. Gradually add the milk.

mixing constantly, to make a smooth, lump-free batter. Allow the batter to rest for half an hour before cooking it.

Put one teaspoon of dripping (or oil at a pinch) in each depression of the tin. If you have to use a muffin tin with smaller dips, put half a teaspoon of fat in each of eight depressions.

Pour the batter into the hot fat and bake the puddings for 20 to 25 minutes. Serve immediately with roast beef or with lamb.

Individual cheese-flavoured puffs of choux pastry called gougères are equally good with lamb and beef. If they are baked in ramekins they will puff up like small, rough soufflés.

Cheese gougères Makes six 85g (3oz) butter 170g (6oz) plain flour

3 large eggs, separated 110g (4oz) Gruyère cheese, grated 30g (1oz) Parmesan, grated Salt and cayenne pepper

Butter six ramekins and set them aside. Put the remaining butter in a small saucepan with 175ml (6fl oz) water and when the butter has melted, bring to boil.

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TALKBACK Women's work From Mr M. A. Symonds, Columbia House, Winford, Hereford As a father of six children may I be permitted to comment on male midwifery and in particular the article on the Friday Page, November 25, Philip Chalmers' explanation for wishing to qualify as a midwife seems more concerned with his determination to foist yet another opportunity for the prurient on the supine British public.

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THE TIMES DIARY

No breaks, just break-up

The Day After, the American nuclear holocaust film due to be transmitted on Saturday, could be The Big Loser for London Weekend Television.

Line of inquiry

Members of the Post Office Engineering Union can find out the state of play in their current dispute by dialling an automatic answering service.

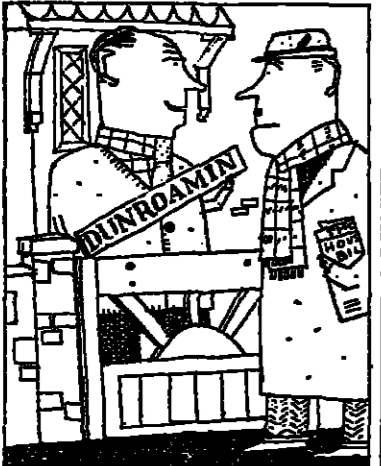
Put to bed

Newspaper sales have boomed in Lambourne, Berkshire, since businessman Louis Jones began to sell them shredded by the bale to the local racing stables as litter.

Pop, with class

Albemarle Pawnbrokers, who have just opened in Bristol, in modern premises planned by an interior designer, are aiming for up-market customers, anxious to pawn their home computers and video recorders.

BARRY FANTONI



"We're renaming it Durogownconveyancia"

Leše-majesté

Although Malaysia's nine hereditary rulers are fighting a hard against government plans to reduce their powers and privileges, they have not always been so insistent on pomp and pageantry.

Mr Speaker, sir!

Bryan Davies, secretary of the Parliamentary Labour Party, refuses to let my account of the MPs v Press Gallery football match go unchallenged.

Daisy clips it out

The programme for Daisy Pulls It Off, at the Globe Theatre is full of spoof items of a jolly hockey stick nature, such as a letter to patrons from headmistress Beryl Waddle-Browne.

Christopher Walker on the man caught in the Middle East crossfire

Husain: the clamp tightens

Amman Outside the restaurant most favoured by Amman's diplomatic community, the guards hired by the owner patrol ceaselessly in search of car bombs.



Husain is acutely aware that the new Israeli prime minister, Yitzhak Shamir - whom he appears to distrust more than he did Mr Begin - is one of the foremost advocates along with Ariel Sharon, the former defence minister, of the slogan that "Jordan is Palestine."

April, there is no mistaking the international implications. Although no new elections could be ordered in the West Bank, it has the power to nominate members there to replace those who have died.

Observers here see the recall - announced at a time when Mr Arafat's future looked even bleaker than it does now - as an attempt to give the king an insight into how various elements would react to any attempt of his to take up support of the West Bank, however indirectly.

Last week, President Reagan repeated an earlier pledge to the king that if Jordan and the Palestinians would agree to enter talks, the US would press Israel to halt its settlement activity.

This remains the greatest barrier to any break in the present log-jam, with the problem of who would make concessions first. The Israeli government will not consider a settlement freeze before the king comes to the negotiating table on the basis of the Camp David agreement.

Although the basic problems of securing a breakthrough have been in existence since President Reagan launched his initiative on September 1, 1982 they have become much more urgent by the region's worsening security situation.

Phillip Whitehead

When the law calls out the pickets

Productivity, innovation, job-sharing - these are the keywords of an industrial society traumatized by its recent past. We all agree with them, until the face in the space is our own.

The warfare at Warrington has intensified it. Small wars are often surrogate struggles by greater powers, and so it is here.

Free sheets have been an extraordinary growth area in the last decade, often using new technology faster and better than the established provincial press.

No trade unionist in the press is in any doubt what the non-union plant is all about. Mr Christopher Pole-Carew of T. Bailey Forman spelled it out with brutal clarity in 1979 when he said: "I have always done my best to humiliate an in-competent union official."

The author was formerly Labour MP for Derby North.

matter comes into dispute, unions then - and the only weapon they have - itself a blunt instrument - blocked by the court's restraint upon their action.

This will provoke in many an editorial department the response, so much the better. The sins of the godfathers in the print are being visited on the next generation.

The Law Society, which was accused this week of scandalous malpractices by one of its own council members, is vigorous in its assertion that standards will lapse if the solicitors' monopoly is breached.

Solicitors will be outraged by any comparison with print workers. After all they do not set out to challenge the law, they merely interpret it.

The author was formerly Labour MP for Derby North.

Jock Bruce-Gardyne

Must we catch the Airbus?

"I do not", the Prime Minister told the Commons the other day, "want another Concorde on my hands. The remark, one gathers, was widely seen in aircraft-making circles as in doubly bad taste.

Yet perhaps the Prime Minister had a point. For Concorde is an instructive story. It all started in the 1950s, when research at the Royal Aeronautical Establishment at Farnborough proved that it was technically possible to build a supersonic commercial carrier.

I have no idea how the Treasury today rates the Airbus 320, but at a rough guess I would say not highly. It is true that the prospective worldwide market for an aircraft of the 320 type looks a good deal less imaginative than the one originally dreamed up for Concorde.

The government, in the person of Mr Duncan Sandys (as he then was) was anxious to secure a merger of British airframe manufacturers, needed a dowry to offer to the reluctant suitors, and support for Concorde fitted the bill.

altogether surprising. For while today Concorde flies to super-first-class executives across the North Atlantic, and even makes a profit for British Airways, we are told the entire research and development costs of more than £1,000m have been written off with not a single true commercial sale to show for them.

Once again all the front-end cash is to be extracted from the long-suffering taxpayer (oh yes, on this occasion the industry is promising to come in later - but as we found with Concorde, once embarked the taxpayer will find it mighty hard to get out whatever happens).

Capital investment is all the rage. Rather like the pigs in Animal Farm, we all go round repeating "current spending bad, capital spending good", and only the brightest Treasury cannot see the difference.

Yes indeed. But could we not - just this once - also try to satisfy ourselves that we will get our cash back, with interest?

An Amen to end all Amens

I have heard the tribal chant go up at Cardiff Arms Park and I have heard the 5,000 assembled delegates at the national conference of Women's Institutes wade into "Jerusalem".

It is without doubt the most eccentric event in the musical calendar. That it is celebrating its tenth anniversary tomorrow evening, sold out months in advance, brought to order by no less a baton than Sir David Willcocks, Director of the Royal College of Music, and yet again without rival the loudest Messiah in the market, is a triumph of improbability over probability.

The Partners, David Burgess and Donald Mouro, were amateur musicians and organizers of musical events. They had recently set up a performance of Messiah by a local choir in which the choir had been summoned for rehearsal on the wrong day, and had been forced to perform unrehearsed.

Considering the implications, the Partnership extrapolated the case on the largest possible scale. Envisage a choir totally unknown to each other - just anyone turning up who wanted to have a go... envisage an orchestra assembled on the same basis... envisage enough of them to fill the Albert Hall... scarcely pausing to settle the bill, the Partnership ran down the road to the Hall and put forward their proposition.



Sir David Willcocks: "If only Handel could be with us..."

So it was, children, that Daddy came to sing at the Albert Hall; and you too. It is one of those modern mass assaults on a visible summit of enterprise, like the London Marathon. We have never walked the boards of the Old Vic, been hung at Burlington House or been short listed for the Booker, but our existence has not been all obscurity.

The idea caught on extraordinarily. Before long, Easter performances of other works were introduced: it is to be Mozart's Requiem next year. Many faithful singers have come every year since 1974, some from distant parts of the country at considerable cost. There are even regular group bookings from abroad, and it is not unusual to see coach-parties from Holland or Scandinavia. This year one party of about 60 is coming from Denmark.

It would be easy to fill the entire Hall with a ring of singers, if it were not for Sir David's very natural objection to having tiers of basses following down the back of his neck, and the risk of actually dislodging the roof with the din. In fact, about two thirds of the Hall are singers, the rest friends. The average booking is for eight or 10 seats, indicating contingents from organized choirs who sing together for the rest of the year and do not embark on an expedition like this without taking care to get into condition first.

Susan, who sings alto and does most of the paperwork. "The attraction lies in sheer scale, and in the glamour of a very special place," says David Burgess. The musical standard keeps getting higher, he insists. "A lot of people have grown up with us - they started coming when they were about 10, and some of them are professional musicians now. Brass and wind players are asked for details of their experience, but the strings are open to anybody who wants to play."

"Some very good soloists apply, because it's a good shop window", Sir David Willcocks says. "There are representatives of so many choirs there that there is a good chance of other engagements. Some of the orchestra don't play every note, but they wouldn't come if they weren't getting pleasure from it. Luckily I don't hear some of the things going on in the distance."

At least the mighty juggernaut has never yet jolted to a halt, and Sir David keeps the tempi masterfully brisk. The spectacularly brilliant pieces like "Worthy is the Lamb" are less at risk of careering off the tracks than subtler pieces like "Behold the lamb of God" or "And with his stripes".

is a void, a Black Hole, into which the entire choir, orchestra, audience, nay, the Albert Hall itself, are drawn with irresistible gravitational force, to be expelled a moment later, astronomically reinforced in decibel power, in a different universe, identical only in its superficial aspects with the one they have just vacated. The effect only succeeds fully, of course, if the silence at the centre of the tornado is total.

We are not perfect, I admit. In that vast assembly there is always someone (always in my recollection a bass) who counts wrong and launches out into that apocalyptic silence with all the fervour that was appropriate, indeed obligatory, a moment before. In what great space, he sounds hardly louder than the humming of a gnat: but at that moment even a gnat's whisper would be a disturbance.

A few seconds later, the number (and if it is the "Amen", the whole gigantic enterprise) is over, and the multitude sinks back gasping, mopping its 4,200 brows, applauding itself wholeheartedly, too much exhilarated to spare censure, or even a thought, for that one abject scapegoat of the general triumph. But he knows who he is and what he has done.

The custom is that he waits until the applause has died down and the choir begins to shuffle on overcoats and extricate themselves from that peculiarly hard and narrow seating built for hard and narrow Victorians. Then he departs into the night and quietly garottes himself with a collapsible music-stand somewhere behind the Albert Memorial. Listen tomorrow: you'll hear him. God grant that this year he isn't me. George Hill

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NO FURTHER ON

The failure of the Athens summit is one of the most serious setbacks the European Community has ever had. First of all it was an exhibition of extraordinary ineptitude. After months of preparation and private contact among ministers and officials the government leaders proceed with ceremony to Athens to face what everyone knows to be crucial decisions on the future of the Community. Thereupon they suddenly discover that they cannot agree on anything and depart in disarray looking ridiculous. This is not the service that taxpayers have a right to expect for their money. Nor does it inspire confidence in the Community. With modern means of communication such surprises should be avoidable.

Explanations for this bewildering turnabout will presumably emerge gradually. For the moment it looks as though M Mitterrand was either not fully aware of what his own ministers were doing or not fully in control of their obvious disagreements. Or perhaps he feared being accused of selling out his own farmers just before next year's elections for the European parliament. But there is also a possibility that the French would like the turning point in the Community's history to take place under the French presidency next year, in which case we have witnessed merely a tactical diversion.

Should Britain also share some of the blame? The French press is already saying it should. Certainly Mrs Thatcher has held very firmly to the position that Britain will agree to higher revenues for the Community only if budgetary arrangements

are reformed and spending on agriculture is brought under control. It is against the tradition of Community negotiation, or indeed of diplomacy in general, to place a final position on the table at the outset but at least it makes for clarity, and Mrs Thatcher has been fortified in her resolve by the knowledge that she is in a strong position, since the Community will go bankrupt without agreement on financing. She also knows - and believes others know - that she is acting in the best long-term interests of the Community, since it cannot develop further without reforms of the type she is suggesting. But this attitude obviously does not endear her to fellow Europeans, even if many of them know in their hearts that she is right.

She may now be tempted to sit back and wait for the others to come round but she would be wiser to take a more active and conciliatory line while sticking to the essence of her conditions. A road accident of the type which has just taken place in Athens leaves everyone shaken and liable to lash out at others. Some calm mopping up and bandaging is required, and an attempt at optimism. After all, the Community has had crises and deadlocks before, most notably at the Dublin summit. Often it needs a real crisis to generate energy and sense of urgency. This time it is facing the need for much more fundamental change than usual, so it may need a stronger dose of shock treatment. With a bit of luck, Athens could turn out to have provided it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Competition in house purchase

From Lord Harris of High Cross
Sir, Conservative defenders of the solicitors' closed shop for conveyancing should ponder whether they really want to be classed in the public mind with NGA, Aslef and other arch-protectionists of sectional interests. The Law Society is behaving no more "professionally" than these more plebeian Luddites in justifying its monopoly on the pretext of preserving standards when its true effect is to inflate costs and prices by the age-old device of obstructing competition and innovation. Indeed, if Arthur Scargill were more consistent he would already have offered solicitors the professional services of his flying pickets.

My colleagues in the Lords non-party Repeal Group welcome wider discussion of the urgent need to get rid of all outdated restrictions. The difficulty borne out by our experience is that every restrictive practice is ruthlessly defended by entrenched, concerned, protectionist interest groups well armed against the sporadic, scattered forays of amateur consumers.

Thus, on the repeal of the Shops Act, we encountered determined resistance from USDAW (Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers) and the Retail Consortium. On the Truck Acts and wages control it was the old trade union preservationists who always prefer "negotiation" (ie, endless waffle) to action this day. On the spectacles monopoly it was the myopic opticians' cartel that tried to blind us with special pleading.

The most plausible plea for the Law Society might be that it is unfair to pick on the solicitors' restrictive practices so long as other professional trades union racketeers are left intact. The solution is not for the Government to dither or affect neutrality, or even to take on the enemy one by one, but to throw their weight against all these privileged exemptions from the general rule of competition in the impartial interests of all consumers.

Ministers might draw encouragement from the political wisdom of R. A. Butler, who wrote of his

Fresh look at Calke Abbey

From the Chairman of the National Heritage Memorial Fund
Sir, Mrs Currie (December 5) criticizes the trustees of the National Heritage Memorial Fund over Calke Abbey. I hope you will allow me the space to explain the attitude of the trustees.

Calke Abbey and its fate have weighed heavily on our minds for many months. In June this year we considered a request from the National Trust for very substantial grants in respect of both Calke Abbey and Belton House. As far as Calke was concerned, it was explained that the approach was necessary because the Department of the Environment had refused to accept certain "non-heritage" land in lieu of capital tax, which could have been used to provide an endowment.

We had visited both Calke and Belton and, after much deliberation, informed the National Trust that although we were both prepared to be of great importance to the national heritage and that both ought to be saved, we had sufficient resources to help only one of them.

Having been put into the position of having to make a choice, we chose Belton; bearing in mind that Belton was already on the open market for sale, we really had very little room for choice. Indeed, the National Trust had already told us that they regarded Belton as the more urgent priority. The assistance promised in respect of Calke at the time represented almost 40 per cent of our uncommitted resources.

Our responsibilities extend wider than simply English historic houses and their contents. There are historic houses in other parts of the United Kingdom, paintings and other works of art, areas of land of scenic and scientific interest, all of which have a call on our funds. We have indeed wide responsibilities and relatively slender resources. Moreover, we have no idea what future funding we shall receive from Government.

To date, the National Heritage Memorial Fund has been invited to consider contributing to one solution only for Calke Abbey. Are there other ways to save Calke? Is this not a case when a wider partnership of interests, including Government, National Trust, Historic Buildings Council, local authorities, the Harpur-Crewe trustees, as well as ourselves, could achieve the objective which all your correspondents are seeking? For our part, and within our available resources, we are ready to consider any possibilities.

Yours faithfully,
CHARTERIS OF AMISFIELD,
Chairman, National Heritage Memorial Fund,
Church House,
Great Smith Street, SW1,
December 6.

From Mr Edwin R Lee
Sir, On April 4, 1979, the Estate Agents Act received the Royal Assent. Its main provision, as in the House of Commons Bill, related to indemnity insurance cover for clients' money.

Some four and a half years later this provision has not been brought into force. This possibly reflects the reluctance of the insurance market to offer cover.

In the average sale and purchase the estate agent only handles the odd few hundred pounds whereas the conveyancer many tens of thousands. One hopes Messrs Mitchell, Tench and Borrie have done their homework with the insurance companies to provide the consumer of conveyancing services with the protection he needs.

Yours faithfully,
EDWIN R. LEE,
William Heath & Co, Solicitors,
16 Sale Place,
Sussex Gardens, W2.

Rescue of old London

From Mr Ralph Merrifield
Sir, Following Andrew Selkirk's letter of November 25, I would like to explain the origins of the new archaeological service for Greater London.

The excavation and recording of archaeological evidence in London before its destruction by developers has long been the concern of two county societies, London and Middlesex Archaeological Society and Surrey Archaeological Society, which set up a joint working party to ensure cooperation in this field and to deal with problems as they arose.

Both societies have always encouraged amateur investigation, but became convinced that full-time archaeologists were essential if opportunities were not to be missed. Each undertook the employment of a small team, LAMAS operating in seven inner London boroughs north of the Thames, and SAS taking responsibility for the boroughs in south-west London that had formed part of the historic county of Surrey.

Outside the City, for which the Museum of London has always taken direct responsibility, other small teams of full-time archaeologists were employed by Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Committee and by Pashmore Edwards Museum (east of the Lea). In addition, groups of experienced amateurs under professional leadership operated in Brentford and Bromley.

Archaeological cover for Greater London was therefore a patchwork in which there were more holes than patches. Nobody with any knowledge of urban rescue excavation would seriously suggest that these gaps could possibly be covered by

From Mr Patrick Cormack, MP for Staffordshire South (Conservative)
Sir, My colleague Edwina Currie (December 5) is right to deplore the likely, and totally unnecessary, loss of Calke Abbey. I visited this quite remarkable "time capsule" of a house with her in August and I am sure she will forgive me if I say that she understates its value. In its way Calke is, I believe, as important as the Mary Rose.

As Mrs Currie makes clear, a solution could be found but she is, I think, uncharacteristically unfair in castigating the National Trust and the National Heritage Memorial Fund as well as the Government.

Neither the trust, which is an independent charity, nor the fund, set up by Government to help safeguard the heritage, can do what is necessary unless the Treasury allows ministers at the Department of the Environment to display the sensitivity they must surely possess.

It is not too late for the Chancellor to show he is not a philistine, but it soon will be.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICK CORMACK, (Chairman, All Party Arts and Heritage Group),
House of Commons,
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From Sir Robert Kirkwood
Sir, With CAP under review, consideration should be given to the social and economic propriety of the overproduction, and subsidised export, of sugar.

Raw sugar is the traditional export of a number of Third World countries. Sugar cane is one of the few crops that tropical areas can produce economically in bulk; it is also labour intensive.

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STILL A VITAL ROLE TO PLAY

The apparent slide towards war between American and Syrian forces in Lebanon has led to calls, in Parliament and elsewhere, for the withdrawal of the British contingent from that country. That is understandable, but in present circumstances wrong.

It is understandable because the British and American contingents are parts of the same multinational force (MNF) and because, whatever the British troops went there for, it was not to go to war with Syria. Indeed, the agreement between the British and Lebanese governments under which the British contingent was sent states explicitly: "In carrying out its duties, the British Force will not engage in hostilities or other operations of a warlike nature."

The fact is, however, that so far the British force has not engaged in hostilities and has not been asked to. Nor, for that matter, has anyone engaged in hostilities against it. Were that to happen it could, under the agreement, "exercise the right of self-defence" which is what the Americans claim to have been doing.

The Americans and the French have both come under attack and have both exercised the right of self-defence, interpreting it rather more broadly than their partners in the force would like. Both have been placed in an invidious position by the resurfacing of bitter

Commonsense on civil defence

From the Minister of State for Home Affairs
Sir, In his article today (December 6) on civil defence Mr Duncan Campbell, on behalf of the GLC, presses for more precise information about the likely course of attack on these islands.

I have to tell Mr Campbell that we in the Home Office do not have nearly fledgling plans of attack of a potential enemy. Since we are not so fortunate we have to keep patiently explaining that an attack could take many forms, from a conventional strike to a full-scale nuclear attack. We shall continue to update our information on these possibilities and to give the fullest possible guidance to local authorities.

What we could not accept is the argument that because there are bound to be wide uncertainties local authorities are entitled to sit back and do nothing to carry out the requirements on civil defence which Parliament has laid upon them.

So long as we keep up our policy of deterrence, which we have maintained with our Nato allies, attack is unlikely. Against that background, Parliament has required local authorities to undertake some common sense civil defence duties, mainly planning and training. Of course, if the worst came to the worst, those who survived would turn out to help. Earlier planning and training could make such help effective in saving lives. That is what civil defence is about.

Yours faithfully,
DOUGLAS HURD,
Home Office,
Queen Anne's Gate, SW1,
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Death's account

From the Reverend J. R. Giles
Sir, In your article on funeral expenses (December 3) a Norwich undertaker is quoted as saying that "Undertakers' fees are modest compared with vicars charging £16.50 an hour, plus travelling expenses, and doctors spending 20 minutes on a death certificate for which they are paid £32, plus travel".

There is much more to a funeral than just taking the service, as any conscientious parish priest knows. Nor would he have it otherwise. But two points may not be generally appreciated:

1. The clergyman's fee is subtracted from his stipend so that he personally does not benefit.
2. Hence clergy who waive their fees at funerals and weddings are not in fact doing so at any cost to themselves but to the wider church, which needs all the help it can get to pay its bills and reduce the financial burden on parishes.

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It is still in doubt as we write whether Mr Lars Ljungberg will come through the first hours after yesterday's operation to transplant heart and lungs, and whether congratulations to his surgeons or condolences to his relatives are in order; or even both. Human and medical drama run so high on these occasions that it may appear induly cool: even to raise the question whether it is right to expend such resources of skill and money in such almost desperate cases.

Mr Ljungberg is of course a private patient, with his costs raised by his neighbours in Sweden. He will not figure directly in the fusillades of statistics that pour between opposite forces in the debate over expenditure on health services - except possibly as a foreign exchange earner. But he unit where his operation was performed only survives because of a special Government subsidy private support having dried up last year. If the Harfield unit closed, Mr Ljungberg might have gone elsewhere: for British NHS patients the chances might be bleak.

Hard cases make bad law, and rare treatments are an insecure basis for generalizations about health spending policy. It is estimated that only about ten people a year would benefit from his procedure even if it were fully established, so it will never impose a heavy overall burden

on resources. But such estimates rest on flexible assumptions: if it were established, we would face new dilemmas about the cases which would then become marginal candidates for treatment. Within realistic constraints, there can be no escape from painful decisions about whether or not to treat patients who might be saved and would prefer to be. One patient's provision is another's deprivation, and objective criteria for judging what is most humane do not exist. Many doctors feel uneasy that society offers them so few ground-rules for assessing priorities.

Yesterday's operation, with its use of two surgical teams, must have been even more expensive than the heart transplants which are becoming almost a familiar thing these days. There is some artificiality about putting a price on one operation, whose marginal cost is only a small part of that of running a specialized unit for similar work. The sum raised on Mr Ljungberg's behalf is roughly twice the price of a kidney transplant, four times the annual cost of a hospital geriatric bed - or a tenth of the cost of a heart transplant in the USA. The entire special subsidy to the two special heart units represents about one-fourth of the cost of what the NHS spends on phone bills and postage each year.

It may be hard to get any sense out of such figures, but the attempt to make judgments about cost-effectiveness has to be

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COURT AND SOCIAL

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 6: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

afternoon attended a Luncheon given in aid of Physically Handicapped and Able Bodied (PHAB), at the Mansion House, Mrs Elinor McCordale was in attendance.

BIRTHDAYS TODAY Sir Fred Atkinson, 64; Mr Donald Crichton-Miller, 77; Lord Elysian Morgan, 51; Sir Terence Garvey, 68; Professor Sir Abraham Goldberg, 60; Sir Bryan Hopkin, 69; Major-General R. E. Lloyd, 77; Mr Elif Wallach, 68; Miss Helen Watts, 56.

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Luncheons

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Receptions

King George's Fund for Sailors The First Sea Lord and Lady Fieldhouse were the guests of honour at a reception held last night at Banqueting House in aid of King George's Fund for Sailors.

Service dinner

The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards The annual regimental dinner of The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards was held last night at the Savoy Hotel, General Sir John Stanier, Colonel of the Regiment, presided.



Bandstand bomb heroism honoured

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OBITUARY RIGHT REV JOHN ROBINSON

Controversial radical theologian

The Rt Rev John Robinson, who was bishop of Woolwich from 1959 to 1969 and whose name became virtually a household word after the publication of his outspoken views in *Honest to God*, died at his home in Yorkshire on December 5 at the age of 64.



Observer, in tone perhaps rather abrasive, headlined "Our image of God must go". The book was translated into many languages and sold millions of copies throughout Europe and America among Christians of many allegiances.

Don, bishop, left-winger and theological radical, Robinson was an incisive teacher of New Testament studies who made a considerable contribution both at Cambridge and in the Church. Indeed many of his friends felt that he had been mistaken in taking too much of the publicity he received, and that a price was exacted.

Jesus and his Coming (1957), made scholars much aware of the presence of a highly intelligent and independent writer on New Testament thought. He became a favourite visiting professor on American campuses and in South Africa, and acquired a rapidly growing public.

A series of paperbacks followed this essay in restating the faith. Of his later volumes, special attention is deserved by his lectures on the person of Christ, *The Human Face of God* (1973); by a brilliantly written attack on the accepted consensus of New Testament scholars assigning comparatively late dates to early Christian documents.

His little book *Honest to God* (1963) created a stir partly because he had already generated an expectation that a bishop with such progressive views on sex might upset the apple-cart in weightier matters of Christian belief and practice.

Robinson was born on June 15, 1919, in the close at Canterbury, where his father was Canon. Two uncles, Armitage and Forbes, were formidable scholars, and he was always aware of his family background of books and learning.

In 1969, with the support of the then Archbishop of Canterbury, he relinquished his post at Woolwich to become Fellow and Dean of Chapel at Trinity College, Cambridge. There he won the respect of dons and the gratitude of innumerable undergraduates, among whom he was an outstanding pastor and teacher.

Two days later Miss Neil was overcome with shock and became severely ill. She still suffers from nightmares.

Robinson's impatience with convention expressed a widespread mood in the early 1960s. He spoke and wrote as if people could be forced to think seriously and critically only if they were subjected to rude shocks, so that what pleased some greatly astonished the rest.

He leaves in draft a substantial book on St John's Gospel, designed as a framework for the Bampton Lectures he was to give at Oxford next year. His courage through his terrifying illness profoundly moved his colleagues.

His early books, *In the end of Pauline theology* (1952), and *The Body, a study in Pauline theology* (1952), and

Published in 1963, it was heralded by an article in *The*

in 1947 he married Rut Grace, who survives him. They were a son and three daughters of the marriage.

MR ROBERT ALDRICH

Robert Aldrich, the American film director who made *The Dirty Dozen* and *Whatever Happened to Baby Jane?*, died on December 5 in Los Angeles after a long battle against a kidney disease.

RT REV JOHN SEPEKU

The Right Rev John Sepeku Bishop of Dar-es-Salaam since 1965, and Archbishop of Tanzania from 1970 to 1978, has died in Tanzania.

His forte was the study of men in action, whether in war films, thrillers, adventure stories or Westerns, and his treatment was usually tough and uncompromising, with eruptions of violence. His detractors accused him of sensationalism and a lack of sensitivity; to others he was merely echoing the harsh realities of American life.

He was educated at Hegonoo Theological College, and spent much of his ministerial life in Zanzibar, where he was a curate, priest-in-charge for the diocese and, from 1963 to 1965, Assistant Bishop. He moved to Dar-es-Salaam as Bishop in 1965 and in 1970 became the first Archbishop of Tanzania.

Born in Cranston, Rhode Island, in 1918, he was educated at the University of Virginia and started in the cinema as a production clerk at RKO. He rose through the ranks to assistant director, in which capacity he served some of the outstanding directors of his time: Orson Welles, Jean Renoir, William Wellman, Lewis Milestone, Joseph Losey and, on *Limelight*, Charles Chaplin.

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Science report

Fuel tests may salvage shipping costs

The economics of shipping in decades to come may be transformed if research into residual fuels at Newcastle University is concluded successfully. The research, led by Professor Ray Thompson and Dr Graham Armstrong of the university's Department of Marine Engineering, is about six months into its first phase, during which the experimenters have been building their unique test equipment.

When his sang froid proves too cool

Advertisement for Jannau Grand Armagnac Brandy. Includes image of a bottle and text: "Charm him with JANNEAU GRAND ARMAGNAC BRANDY too good to keep to yourself".

Advertisement for Cartier watches. Includes image of a watch and text: "Cartier le mut de Cartier boutique HARVEY NICHOLS, KNIGHTSBRIDGE, LONDON SW3. TELEPHONE 01-235 5000."

Vertical advertisement on the right edge of the page, partially cut off, mentioning "FINANCE" and "Odds are new bid".

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Odds are even on a new bid for P & O

Inevitably most of the audience will see Trafalgar House's preliminary figures for the year to end September as a curtain raiser for the "The Battle for P & O", a three act drama...



Nigel Brookes (left) and Eric Parker - Trafalgar's double act in the drama.

The figures deserve a better billing than that, however, predictable they may appear. Profit before taxation has risen 20 per cent from £65.6m to £79m and the dividend is increased by 18 per cent from 7.2p to 8.5p a share...

They will tell you at the box office that Trafalgar withdrew its five-for-four share bid for P & O in June when it was referred to the Monopolies Commission.

Mr Brookes will spend 10 days relaxing in the sun at the start of 1984. He is "75 per cent certain" that shortly after he returns, relaxed and ready to discover that Mr Norman Tebbit, the Secretary for Trade and Industry, has no intention of standing in Trafalgar's way...

Our own profit projections have advanced further since last May, when we came forward with our first offer, and we could say "thank you very much, we don't want it any more." It is a 50 per cent probability.

It is easy to accuse Mr Brookes of trying to talk down the P & O share price. This has benefited not only from the belief that Trafalgar's five-for-four offer was merely an opener, but also from the advent of Mr Jeffrey Sterling as chairman of P & O with a brief to keep the company independent or, failing that, to make Trafalgar pay a high price for its audacious presumption.

Few men can teach Mr Brookes, or indeed Mr Sterling, new market tricks but one reason for Mr Brookes's success and durability is the care he takes not to get into situations where withdrawal should cost him face or Trafalgar money.

The industrial advantages to Trafalgar of acquiring P & O remain as compelling as before. P & O represents five important acquisitions at one blow in areas - cargo shipping, cruising, construction, housing,

property - where Trafalgar is strong and capably managed.

Under Trafalgar's existing management P & O might be made to yield, through rationalization, an extra £20m in profit, beyond the £40m-£50m Mr Sterling and the P & O board would probably project if they were called on to repel a fresh Trafalgar assault.

The logic, for both companies, of putting together the Cunard and P & O passenger fleets, is high irresistible. The value for the future of the British merchant fleet of letting Trafalgar-P & O become the catalyst of change is inestimable.

Yet, having said all that, I believe Mr Brookes is quite capable of walking away from P & O. Analysts seeking to quantify his revised "projections" of Trafalgar's profits are likely to come up with a figure for the current year around £95m. Taking a line through that and my earlier estimates for P & O profits and potential savings in a merger, I can see why Trafalgar might not wish to be pushed into bidding more than its original five-for-four.

"If we walked away," Mr Brookes wryly observed, "Jerry Sterling would have the most frightful headache. There is no downside for us and no virility symbol at stake. For Jeffrey it would be a bit trickier. He would be faced with a repeat of his 10 years' hard labour at Town & City, with the only certainty a repetition of his mistakes."

Rivals in the ring for Trident

Mr Gwyn Ward Thomas, founder of Trident Television, returns from abroad tomorrow. It was looking less likely last night that his management buyout for parts of Trident would succeed.

Negotiations with others over the future of the three companies which no longer fit in a casino and television operation, under Lord Hanson as chairman, are at an advanced stage. Mr Ward Thomas thought at one point his talks were too. Last week, only shareholder approval - the directors speak for 27 per cent of the company - stood between him and buying £1.8m worth of assets for £791,000 down and £1m in five, maybe 10 years' time.

But less than 24 hours before the deal was to be approved, Lord Hanson rang Mr Ward Thomas to tell him that rival offers

were being considered. The shareholders' meeting was adjourned.

Mr Ward Thomas's deal was to buy Windsor Safari Park, scenery makers Watts & Cory and the rights to Trident Films.

The deal looked good for Ward Thomas Holdings. The £1m deferred payment maybe extended for a decade in exchange for rights to half the increased value of the 130-acre Safari Park land, should planning consent change.

The appearance of the rivals casts a doubt over the future chairmanship of Trident. It is unlikely that Lord Hanson, ready to take over as chairman, will step aside. In that case Mr Ward Thomas might feel that having lost the management buyout, £83,000 was insufficient recompense for his service contract.

Yamani backs stable oil price as Iran pushes for \$6 rise

From David Young, Energy Correspondent, Geneva

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries is not expected to make any changes in oil prices for production quotas at its meeting in Geneva today, Shaikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, the Saudi Arabian oil minister, said yesterday.

Speaking on his arrival at the first full ministerial meeting of Opec since its unprecedented \$5 a barrel price cut in March, Shaikh Yamani said that he expected Opec to stick to the agreement that had already helped to restore stability to the world oil market.

Opec's four-man market monitoring committee, which met yesterday to review recent trends in the oil market, is also recommending that prices and

production quotas be left unchanged. Shaikh Yamani said that the meeting was going to be "quiet one", and ministers from other leading moderate Opec members, including Indonesia and the United Arab Emirates, also said they expected the meeting to leave the price and production agreement unchanged.

The maintenance of the status quo will however be strongly opposed by the Iranian delegation, which is still insisting that it wants an increase of \$3 or even \$6 a barrel in the \$29-a-barrel reference price. Iran also wants to increase its output.

The monitoring committee was presented with a gloomy picture of the recent, renewed

downward pressure on world oil prices. Spot market trading has come almost to a standstill as oil companies and traders wait to see how Opec reacts to what observers regard as a critical new test of the oil producer's ability to maintain its pricing regime.

Dr Mana Said al-Otaiba, oil minister of the United Arab Emirates and chairman of the monitoring committee, said Opec's production was running slightly above the 17.5-million-barrel-a-day ceiling set in March, but neither he nor other ministers would say by how much.

Dr Otaiba reported to the committee on his meeting on Monday with Mr Peter Walker, Britain's Secretary of State for Energy, at which he expressed

Opec's concern about the increasing level of North Sea production.

He said that he did not expect Britain to cut its production. "We understand the British position and they understand our position in Opec. We are all in the same boat."

Opec says North Sea oil production, is running 300,000 barrels a year above what it had regarded as assurances given by the Department of Energy.

Indonesia's oil minister Dr Subroto, said he supported extending the Opec production ceiling until the end of the first quarter of next year, despite calls by Algeria and Venezuela for it to be lowered. Several of Opec's 13 members have been pressing for higher individual quotas.

US workers want steel deal blocked

From Bailey Morris Washington

America's largest steel union has vowed to continue its crusade to thwart the proposed joint venture between the British and US Steel corporations.

It has announced its intentions in a nationwide newspaper campaign following the death of its president who had been vehemently opposed to the collaboration.

In an emotional full-page advertisement in more than 150 newspapers yesterday, the steelworkers promised to use every resource to defeat the venture which they claim is not in the public interest because it violates a voluntary import agreement with the European Community.

"For months preceding his untimely death United Steelworkers of America president Lloyd McBride dedicated himself and the resources of our union to defeat this scheme. We who follow him will continue the fight," the advertisement read.

A spokesman for the union told The Times that the steelworkers have been given assurances that both Congress and the Reagan Administration are in agreement that the venture would violate the US carbon steel agreement with the EEC.

It is likely Congress will take action when it returns in January on several proposed bills that would further limit the amount of steel which can be exported to US markets.

It is possible that if a quota Bill is passed, it will do so with an amendment prohibiting the British Steel venture with US steel, a Congressional aide said.

The steelworkers drew attention yesterday to the growing Congressional support for tougher restrictions on imported steel. Their advertisement noted that more than 100 members of the house had sponsored a resolution opposing the British Steel venture.

Their action coincided with a related campaign by some of America's largest steel companies for tougher restrictions on imported steel from the Third World and Europe.

Money supply stays within target range

By Frances Williams Economics Correspondent

Money supply growth slowed last month, leaving the main measure of money firmly within its permitted range and bringing the other two measures closer to the Treasury's target.

Provisional estimates by the Bank of England show that all three measures grew by 0.5 to 0.75 per cent in the four weeks to mid-November, after a sharp increase in October.

The most closely watched, sterling M3, has now grown at an annual rate of 10.5 per cent since February, compared with the Government's target range of 7 to 11 per cent, while narrow money, M1, and broader private sector liquidity, PSL2, are on track to come within target by next spring.

But there seems little prospect of an early fall in interest rates, a view reinforced by sterling's steady performance on world currency markets.

Despite some easing of the dollar from record levels reached on Monday and early yesterday, the pound weakened against most other currencies, losing 0.3 on its trade-weighted index to finish at 82.8.

Yesterday's pause in the dollar's latest surge is expected to be only temporary. Despite the remarks of Mr Paul Volcker, chairman of the US Federal Reserve Board, on Monday that the Fed's credit stance remained unchanged the markets expect American interest rates to stay

MONEY GROWTH

Table with columns: Nov 83, Feb-Nov 83 at annual rate % for M1, M3, PSL2. Values: M1 1/2%, M3 10%, PSL2 12%.

Target range Feb 83-Apr 84 7-11

Source: Bank of England

at high levels, underpinned by the booming economy and swollen budget deficit.

Political tensions in the Lebanon and over the nuclear missiles issue have boosted the dollar's attraction as a safe haven for footloose funds.

The pound fell to a new low of \$1.4423 yesterday morning before recovering to end London trading 15 points up on the day at \$1.4495. The Deutsche mark gained nearly a penny to DM2.7303 to the dollar, after touching a 10-year low of DM2.7374 at the midday fixing in Frankfurt when the West German central bank intervened heavily with \$75.8m of dollars.

However, dealers saw no sign of intervention from the Bank of England.

The authorities do not want to raise interest rates to steady the pound, especially since the problem is essentially the dollar, strength rather than sterling, weakness. As yet there is no pressure from the markets for them to do so.

De Vere extends bid timing

By Jonathan Clare

The would-be bidder for De Vere Hotels and Restaurants has failed to come up with financial assurances demanded by the company within the time set. But De Vere's merchant bank, Hill Samuel, said there was a "fighting chance" the assurances would be made and the deadline has been extended by another week.

The company also confirmed that Mr Gerald Holland is the man behind an off-the-shelf company, called Selfpost, which made the approach. Mr Holland is almost unknown in the City but he is said to have property interests rather than being an hotelier.

Selfpost made a conditional agreement to buy the 51.4 per cent stake owned by De Vere's 81-year-old Austrian chairman, Herr Leopold Muller, at 340p.

There is almost certain to be a Stock Exchange inquiry into dealings in De Vere shares which jumped by 83p to 340p on news of the approach but came back to 308p yesterday.

The shares were suspended before the announcement of the approach but had seen considerable trading the day before.

Shareholders in De Vere have been irritated by the delay in revealing the identity of the backers for Selfpost. De Vere owns 13 hotels plus the Mirabelle restaurant and Connaught Rooms in London.

Index hits record

The FT 30 Share Index, without Dunlop falling it back any longer, reached a closing peak of 748.2, a gain of 6.2 points, as the property sector pulled the market forward.

On the Dunlop front, Pegg Malaysia, the largest single shareholder in beleaguered tyre group, added confusion to the proposed rescue attempt being coordinated by Sarasin International Securities, by saying yesterday that it had no immediate plans to meet the consortium and would not be sending its representatives to London to do so.

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STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index: 748.2 up 6.2
FT 30: 83 up 0.2
FT All Shares: 461.6 up 2.19
Bargains: 20,734
Datastream USM Leaders Index: 95.77 down 0.16
New York: Dow Jones Average (listings) 1,273.17 up 2.64
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 9,438.79 down 6.34
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 881.58 up 18.38

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE

Sterling \$1.4485 up 15pts
Index 82.8 up 0.3
DM 3.9675 down 0.0175
FF 11.9950 down 0.0450
Yen 339.25 down 1.50
Dollar Index 129.3 down 0.4
DM 2.7303 down 0.0082
NEW YORK LATEST
Sterling \$1.4520
Dollar DM 2.7320
ECU £0.572006
SDR £0.719708

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates: Bank base rates 9%
Finance houses base rate 9 1/2%
Discount market loans week fixed 9-9 1/2%
3 month interbank 9 1/2-9 3/4%
Euro-currency rates: 3 month dollar 9 1/2-9 3/4%
3 month DM 6 1/2-6 3/4%
3 month FR 11 3/4-12 1/4%
US rates: Bank prime rate 11.00
Fed funds 9 1/2%
Treasury long bond 10 1/2-10 1 1/4%
ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period November 2 to December 6, 1983 inclusive: 9.50 per cent.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Stenhouse Holdings resignation

The boardroom row at Stenhouse Holdings, the insurance broker which is the subject of a bid from Reed Stenhouse, intensified yesterday as Mr Herbert Houghton resigned from the board. He will be writing to shareholders to explain his action.

Mr Houghton, a former chief executive of Stenhouse, said in a statement that he felt the board had not given a positive advice to the Stenhouse Holdings shareholders on the course they should take in relation to the offer, and that its statement did not indicate the widely divergent opinions on the board.

Eagle Star has agreed to call a special shareholders' meeting to approve a capital reorganization that will reduce the expenses of any takeover bid by Allianz Versicherung.

Wall Street Stock prices were slightly higher on moderately heavy volume yesterday. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up about 2.5 points to about 1,273. Mead Corporation led the active list, up one to 40 1/2.

Banks Hovis McDougall, the flood combine, raised pretax profits for the year to September '83 by 29m to £44.1m. Turnover was £1,637 against £1,598m.

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GOLD

London fixed (per ounce): \$396 pm \$397
\$397.50-398.25 (£274-274.50)
New York latest: \$397.75
Sterling gold (per coin): £209.50-411 (£282.25-283.25)
Overseas (new): £83.50-84.50 (£84.50-85)
Excludes VAT

Datserv share sale flops

Another offer for sale of shares by tender has flopped in the City. Datserv, the US based IBM computer leasing group, announced yesterday that only 70 per cent of its offer of 6.8 million shares is being taken up at the minimum tender price of 75p. The rest will be left with the underwriters.

Coming soon after investors turned their backs on the Government's sale of shares in Cable & Wireless, it is bound to increase doubts among issuing houses about the tender method.

The outcome surprised Samuel Montagu, the issuing house, and stockbrokers who had analysed the company.

Mr Rupert Faure Walker, a director of Montagu, cited the failure of the Cable & Wireless issue as one of the reasons for the failure of the Datserv flotation. "I think we got caught in the backlash," he said.

First for Fleming bank

By Philip Robinson

Robert Fleming is poised to become the first British merchant bank to act as both jobber and broker using an international dealing network which would be open 24 hours a day.

A key part of the bank's strategy to deal in international stocks starts in three weeks when its New York office begins making markets in Japanese securities.

Fleming has been acting as broker and jobber in Japanese securities from London this year. Its expansion in New York was prompted by the recent large-scale interest of US institutions in the Tokyo stock market.

Fleming has always been strong in Far Eastern stocks. Through a joint venture with Jardine Matheson, the bank has a 45-man dealing and research operation and is one of the largest non-Japanese investment managers on the Tokyo exchange.

It also has a joint venture with the American firm Rowe Price. The associate handles the management for large US pension funds' international investment.

Fleming's market making will initially be restricted to Far Eastern convertible bonds and equities.

But it is widely thought that the initial market making in London - effectively acting as jobber and broker - will not be limited to foreign securities for long.

With changes in the Stock exchange rules, Fleming clearly has his eye on expanding into British and US securities.

Mr William Garrett, a director, said: "At the moment we have no direct access to the London Stock Exchange. We would like it but I don't think we would be interested in taking merely a third of a broking house."

Rescheduling repayments continuing Poland cuts debt to bankers

By John Lawless

Bankers who are to meet Polish officials in Vienna next week for their fourth round of rescheduling talks now estimate that Poland's debt to the West had fallen to \$23.7 billion (about £16 billion) by the end of last March.

One banker said: "They have been making repayments under the previous rescheduling agreements absolutely as specified, unlike more heavily indebted countries like Brazil."

This suggests Poland has repaid between \$1.3 billion and \$3.3 billion during the past three years. Its original debt was estimated at \$25 billion and \$27 billion, although these may have been over-estimates. However, those payments relate only to commercial bank

debts. Talks on loans made by Western governments, believed to be \$16.8 billion, of which about \$9.9 billion is guaranteed under export credit agreements, came to a halt in Paris about two weeks ago.

They were the first since the Nato ban on rescheduling talks - which broke off in 1981, in protest against martial law - was lifted this year.

Western officials are keen not to portray the latest talks as having "broken down". But they do admit that they found the conditions being sought by the Poles as extraordinary lenient.

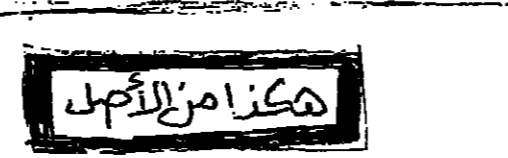
The Paris Club talks are likely to resume early next year, when sums of \$2.7 billion and \$1.8 billion, due to be repaid in the last two years, will be up for renegotiation.

British Government loans are about \$1 billion. Although the non-payment has afforded the Poles the luxury of some spare cash to conduct their day-to-day business, the West's action has caused considerable bitterness.

Professor Zdzislaw Sadowski, the Polish Minister responsible for seeing through economic reforms, said in London this week: "Poland is the only debtor country in the world that has been picked out for strangulation."

This year, the repayment period for \$1.3 billion in principal was stretched to 10 years, with a five-year grace, at a margin of 1.875 per cent - and 65 per cent of the interest, worth \$200m, was recycled,

Trafalgar House PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY. 1983 RESULTS. YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER. Table with columns: 1983, 1982. Rows: PROFIT CONTRIBUTION, CONTRACTING, SHIPPING, INTEREST, etc. Includes a 5 YEAR FINANCIAL RECORD bar chart showing turnover, profit before tax, and ordinary dividend from 1979 to 1983.



Brewers serve up sharp profit rises

By Jeremy Warner
Two of Britain's big regional brewers have reported a sharp increase in profits for the year to the end of September. The pretax profits of Greenall Whitley, the largest regional brewer and owner of Vladimir vodka from Warrington, Cheshire, rose from £20.7m to £24m, while those of Vaux Breweries of Sunderland were

Greenall Whitley
Year to 30.9.83
Pretax profit £24m (£20.7m)
Statad earnings 2.58p (2.44p)
Turnover £258.7m (£226.6m)
Net dividend 4.02p (3.69p)
£1.6m higher at £12.1m.
Greenall's share price jumped 7p to 111p and Vaux on to 213p on news of the better-than-expected results.

Greenall saw across the board improvements in profits except in its tour operating business. Losses there doubled to £1.1m. But were in line with expectation, the company said. A breakdown of the company's profits reveals that the hotels side was the star performer with returns rising from £1.6m to £3.1m. The company invested £10m

Vaux Breweries
Year to 1.10.83
Pretax profit £12.1m (£10.5m)
Statad earnings 24.2p (21.6p)
Turnover £108.8m (£96.3m)
Net dividend 3.07p (2.25p)
out of total capital expenditure of £20m in retail outlets, including pubs and hotels during the year. Greenall is recommending a

final dividend of 2.237p raising the total for the year by 9 per cent to 4.029p.
Vaux, which is recommending a final dividend of 6.5p, raising the total for the year from 8.25p to 9.075p, said that the year had started reasonably well and the company is looking for continued growth in beer sales

Securities Bill likely next year

By Philip Robinson
Parliamentary draftsman are now working on the details of what may become Britain's first Securities Act, laying down laws for the protection of the investor.
A draft Securities Bill is likely to emerge in about three months. The detailed proposed legislation was due to be attached to a two-year report on investor protection by Professor Laurence "Jim" Gower.
But two problems prevented this: he ran into trouble with the EEC over some proposed changes relating to the insurance industry, and the Stock Exchange agreement with the Government.
The Department of Trade and Industry, which commissioned Professor Gower's study, received his report this month. It is likely to be published as a White Paper early next year.
Professor Gower is believed to favour financial markets and investor advisers regulating themselves. Alongside would run a system of licensing - administered by the Department of Trade and Industry - for those who do not wish to register with a self-regulated organization.

Ex-president calls for currency targets

By John Lawless
Governments controlling the world's main currencies should agree to let them move against each other only within "target zones" for two to three years, M Valery Giscard d'Estaing, the former French president, said in London yesterday.
Only at that stage, when the volatility of exchange rates had been reduced, would it make any sense to stage the "high level international monetary conference" agreed at this year's Williamsburg summit.
The former president, detailing a series of complex steps he believes is required to bring about a new global monetary system at the Financial Times World Banking in 1984 conference, said: "The most important of these interrelated decisions might well be the inclusion of the pound in the EMS."
M Giscard d'Estaing was with Her Helmut Schmidt, the former West German Chancellor, co-architect of the European Monetary System.
He said: "The promotion of the EMS - is probably the best way for Europeans to induce the American authorities to assess better the international role of the dollar, as was demonstrated in 1978-79 when the launching of the EMS led the US Government to initiate a comprehensive programme to bolster the value of its currency."
Its strengthening, to include all European currencies, would also result in the ECU (the European Currency Unit, which is a basket of EEC currencies) gradually becoming an international currency in its own right.
The power, expertise and influence of the City of London would give the ECU instant

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The disposal in 1982 of our short term investment in British Sugar PLC resulted in a reduction in investment

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An improving outlook

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The disposal of the agricultural division, which historically earned virtually all of its profits during the first half-year, will in future result in a changed phasing of the Group's profits. Trading to date is ahead of plan. Although it is still too early to forecast profits for the half-year, we feel confident about the future development and progress of the Group.

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RESULTS IN BRIEF	1983	1982
Turnover	1,636,872	1,598,466
(Sales outside the group)		
Profit before tax	44,112	35,114
Taxation	12,404	9,841
Profit after tax	31,708	25,273
Minority interests	1,121	88
Extraordinary items	(11,935)	(10,545)
Profit attributable to shareholders	18,652	14,640
Dividends: Preference	283	283
Ordinary	11,086	10,692
(paid and proposed):		
Profit retained	7,283	3,665
Earnings per Ordinary share of 25p	10.9p	9.0p



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Bell Group seeks mine stake

By Our Financial Staff

Mr Robert Holmes a Court's Bell Group is negotiating with Broken Hill Proprietary, Australia's largest company, to buy a 5 per cent stake in Utah International's Australian coal mines.
BHP has been negotiating to buy Utah from General Electric of the United States for US\$2,400m (£1,700m), but the deal has not yet been signed because of the delay in forming a consortium to take over the Australian coal mining interests.
Mr Holmes a Court, who controls Associated Communications Corporation and has been building up a stake in Fleet Holdings in Britain, told Bell's shareholders there was no connection between the Utah negotiations and the recent bid for BHP.
General Electric has agreed to retain up to a quarter of its interest in Utah's coal resources.

New turn in battle for Foster's lager group

By Jonathan Clare

The battle for control of the brewer of the Australian drinkers' best known beer, Foster's lager, took another bizarre twist yesterday, when the original bidder's stake was bought by a rival.
This fight over Carlton and United Breweries is the biggest yet seen in Australia and puts a value on the brewer of A\$970m (about £600m).
Last Sunday, Elders-IXL, Australia's biggest agricultural group with diversified interests which include merchant banking, made a counter-bid for Carlton to defeat a limited offer made by an industrial investment company.
The twist is that Elders is 49.4 per cent owned by Carlton. If its bid is successful, it will have to sell the Elders shares owned by Carlton within a year under Australian company law.
Yesterday, Elders announced that Industrial Equity Ltd (IEL), the investment company which bid first, had agreed to sell the stake it had built up in Carlton for A\$70m.
So far, Carlton has not recommended the Elders' bid. But it could frustrate Elders' plans by buying 0.7 per cent of Elders' shares in the market, so giving it control of more than 50 per cent.
The terms of Elders' offer are six of its shares and A\$12.20 cash for every 10 Carlton shares. After news of the deal with IEL, Carlton's shares fell from A\$3.40 on the Sydney stockexchange.

The Scottish Metropolitan Property PLC

"Shareholders Funds Now Exceed £100m."

Main points from the Report for the year ended 15th August, 1983, and the Statement by the Chairman, Mr. David Walton, OSU JP Hon FRCS (Glas)

- 16.59% increase in Net Revenue from properties to £6.8m (£5.8m).
- Earnings per share 4.51p (3.87p).
- Dividend payment for year on enlarged share capital at 3.5p net per share amounted to £3.4m (3.5p-£3.1m).
- Internal Property Valuation at 15th August, 1983, amounted to £105.2m.
- Expansion continuing at satisfactory levels.

Stock Exchange House, 69 St. George's Place, Glasgow G2 1BE.

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	9%
Barclays	9%
BCCI	9%
Citibank Savings	110%
Consolidated Crds	9%
Continental Trust	9%
C. Hoare & Co	9%
Lloyds Bank	9%
Midland Bank	9%
Nat Westminster	9%
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Williams & Glyn's	9%

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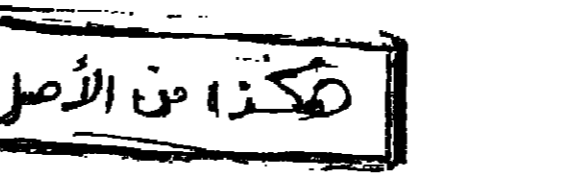
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Economic Commentary by Tim Congdon

Where capitalism's voice of doom went wrong with his prediction

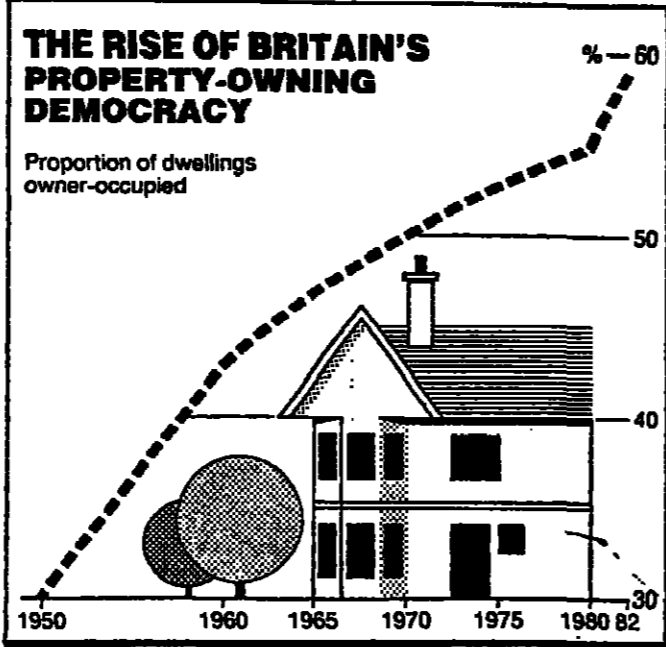
Two great economists, John Maynard Keynes and Joseph Schumpeter, were born in 1883. Today Keynes is mentioned every day in the newspapers and parliamentary debates, while Schumpeter is - outside scholarly circles - rarely noted.

The contrast is odd. Although Keynes made a greater contribution to macroeconomic theory, most people find the field at best abstract and far removed from the real world.

actively involved in production - the professions, intellectuals and, worst of all, journalists. These groups took a critical attitude towards their society, Schumpeter maintained. This hostility would eventually lead, as part of a comprehensive assault on the "bourgeois scale of values", to "moral disapproval of the capitalist order".

As a prediction of the tone and mood in the West over the next few decades Schumpeter's remarks were perceptive. Mrs Thatcher's enthusiasm for Victorian values is clearly considered amusing by most intellectuals and journalists.

Schumpeter realized that the large scale of the typical capitalist concern had political implications. The political structure of a nation is profoundly affected by the elimination of a host of small and medium-sized firms, the owner-managers of which, together with their dependents, henchmen and connections, count quantitatively at the polls and have a hold on what we may term the *foreman class* that no mistake was that he concentrated his attention on one kind of property - the capital assets operated by companies.



Patrick Jenkin celebrated the trend towards owner-occupation as "fundamental and long-term". There is no likelihood of the process being reversed for decades to come. Surveys show that more than three-quarters of households see owner-occupation as their ideal.

While companies have become larger and more remote from their employees, the opposite process has been at work with housing. When Schumpeter was writing, most accommodation in Britain was rented. By the end of 1982, some 59 per cent of housing was owner-occupied and the proportion is rising steadily.

So Schumpeter, although he has been right about increased concentration in industry and intellectual hostility to the market economy, has been wrong in his assessment of capitalism's political durability.

There is, however, a drawback to all this. The Thatcher Government, like other market-oriented governments, has promoted widespread identification with property by interfering with the tax system.

It also lies behind the astonishing array of petty tax measures to help small businesses which have been introduced since 1979. Some of these discriminate deliberately against large companies.

The Business Expansion Scheme, for example, applies only to unquoted companies, although they account for much less economic activity than quoted companies.

Here is the difficulty. Tax measures intended to encourage a property-owning democracy and a pro-capitalist culture may discriminate between essentially similar activities, distort the efficient allocation of resources and channel savings into unproductive investments.

Schumpeter may have had more valuable insights than Keynes into the political problems that would confront the market economy in the second half of the twentieth century, but he did not see that policies to protect the free enterprise culture might themselves have a cost in terms of economic efficiency.

An assault on bourgeois scale of values

management of a large unit can ever have." The point may be overstated, but it is plausible. Schumpeter's work prompts two questions. Why has his central conclusion, the replacement of capitalism by socialism, been incorrect? And how have political leaders who support the market economy tried to defeat the corrosive cultural influences he identified? Perhaps Schumpeter's biggest

Astonishing array of petty tax measures

households see owner-occupation as their ideal. In the 25- to 35-year-old age group the proportion is 90 per cent. A nation of small-time property speculators - and that, after all, is what the British have become - is unlikely to be a nation of socialist radicals and collectivist subversives. It is not even likely to take left-inclined intellectuals very seriously, no matter their prominence in the universities and the media.

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APPOINTMENTS Association elects chairman. The Association of Investment Trust Companies: Mr Raymond P. St. G. Cazalet, director, Henderson Administration Group, has been elected chairman of the association.

Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance: Mr Michael Harris, assistant general manager (United Kingdom), will become deputy general manager in the company's United Kingdom division. Mr Ernest Doole, United Kingdom motor manager, becomes assistant general manager (underwriting) in GRE's division. Mr Harris, on becoming a deputy general manager, will continue to oversee all GRE's United Kingdom General marine insurance underwriting departments.

Pilkington Brothers: Herr Hilmar Kopper, a member of the board of managing directors of Deutsche Bank, and non-executive chairman of Flachglas - a Pilkington group member - is now a non-executive director of Pilkington Brothers.

The Mercantile and General Reinsurance Company: The following will become assistant general manager: Mr J. C. Austin (general branch division), Mr P. M. Edwards (life division) and Mr L. J. McKinnis (general branch division). Mr R. O. Lofis becomes a manager (investment). Casualty: Mr Geoffrey Newman is to join the board.

Whitehall notebook Selling the estate to pay the servants. Chancellors have no doubt been getting away with murder since public spending plans were first published. Mr Nigel Lawson got away with such a whopper a fortnight ago that it is still difficult to understand why so few cried "foul!". The bottom-line public spending total came to £126,385 billion for 1984/5. So - surprise, surprise - the magical £126.4 billion target, well trailed in the financial press for weeks, if not months, was firmly hit as the new Chancellor rose in the House on November 17. Those tortuous Star Chamber sessions to squeeze the final £2 billion or so out of offending over-spenders were not, it seemed, in vain. The Chancellor collected bones brownie points too for not touching his £3 billion contingency reserve. After his predecessor's misuse of the reserve in his pre-Election juggling of the figures, Mr Lawson could hardly have expected the City analysts not to spot that one.

Table titled 'WALL STREET' listing various financial entities and their symbols. Columns include company names and their corresponding stock market symbols.

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TONIGHT ESCAMILLO WILL BE GORED.

Computer group up 112%

By Jeremy Warner

United Leasing
Half-year to 30.9.83
Pretax profit £1.2m (£573,000)
Stated earnings 1.7p (4.8p)
Turnover £16m (£8.8m)
Net interim dividend 0.8p (-)

United Leasing, an IBM computer leasing group, yesterday reported a 112 per cent increase in its half-year pretax profits. The profits rose from £573,000 to £1.2m in the six months to the end of September.

When United Leasing was floated on the stock market last July, the share issue flopped and only 50 per cent of the shares on offer were applied for. The shares were valued then at 140p each but they have forged ahead in recent months and rose a further 10p yesterday when they closed at 218p.

The company said that the market for IBM equipment remains extremely buoyant, helped by the high volume of 308X processors and 3380 disk drives being shipped abroad. United Leasing has benefited greatly from this popularity of IBM products.

The American subsidiary, Unilease Computer Corporation, is said to be making outstanding progress in the United States. A regional office is being established in Florida and the company is transferring its New York headquarters to larger premises.

An interim dividend of 0.8p is to be paid. Mr Parry Mitchell and his brother Ashley, the chairman and managing director respectively, are waiving their rights to this dividend.

INVESTORS' NOTEBOOK • edited by Michael Prest

RHM simplifies to accumulate more

Like so many of the big companies that diversified without actually switching their emphasis in the Sixties and Seventies, Ranks Hovis McDougall is now in the middle of a process of simplification. It has already sold its agricultural business pulled out of Ireland and is halfway through the long and costly business of upgrading its bakeries during a period of bad trading.

However, perhaps because of its tradition of not breaking its business down into divisional results, this process will remain something of a mystery until the results show through. The results for the year to September were encouraging at the bottom line, with pretax profits up from £35m to £44m, earnings per share up from 9p to 10.9p per share and a modest 5 per cent rise in dividends. There is every reason to expect a further, perhaps more modest, profit rise this year.

The agricultural sale will knock £500m off the group's turnover, static last year at £1.6 billion, but will make little difference to profits. Closure in Ireland will save roughly £2m this year.

But the big question is how soon Ranks can turn its bread losses into profit. Losses were probably cut from about £12m to £10m last year and are now running nearer the £8m level.

The bakery reconstruction programme is about halfway through but will only really show positive results in 1984-85 when the last of the new bakeries start operating. Bread prices, kept tight by market leader Associated British Foods, have risen slightly, but the recovery still looks gradual rather than dramatic.

ing has a thoroughly sound balance sheet and centres on food products in the United Kingdom and, more profitably, in the Far East (where Ranks has just floated off a quarter of its business). The trouble is that the most profitable products remain the traditional staples like salt and Bisto. The long-term test will be how the group can develop its newer products into big profits.

Meanwhile, thanks to the balance sheet and the dividend which yields 7.4 per cent at 76p, investors can safely continue to look at the bottom line rather than have nightmares about bread. If Ranks does not put that right, someone else will.

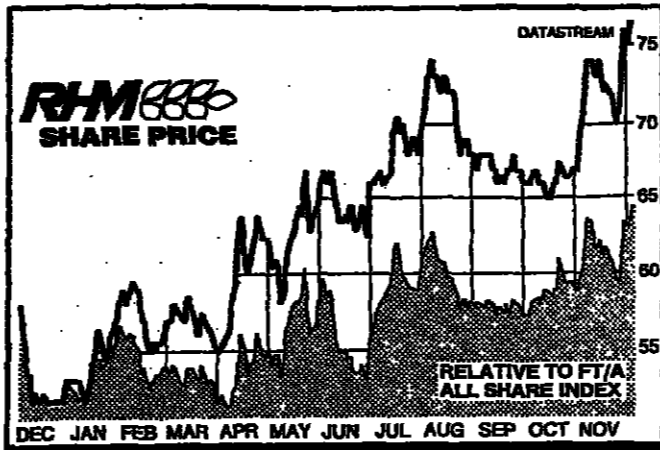
Geevor Tin Mines

Shareholders in Geevor Tin Mines, Britain's only quoted tin mine, do not need elephantine memories to recall the company last paid a dividend in 1980, but they will be gratified by the 4p net interim the Cornish producer proposes.

The dividend is made possible by a sharp recovery from the £24,000 loss made in the first half of last year to a pretax profit of £601,000.

Even after paying £309,000 tax, Geevor can feel justifiably pleased with after tax profits of £292,000. Not surprisingly, earnings per share have soared from a loss of 8.21p to a profit of 9.83p.

This recovery owes much to the success of the International Tin Agreement and the Buffer Stock Manager in restricting other producers' exports and supporting the price. Geevor's



average price received was £8,603 a tonne compared with £6,858.

But it is also true that the new Tri-flo treatment plant has increased capacity by a quarter. Tin concentrates produced rose from 415 tonnes to 457 tonnes, while recovery, helped by a modest improvement in grades, was 4.61 kilograms per tonne against 4.41.

To sustain progress, £2.2m is to be spent on sinking a sub-incline shaft below the old Levant workings. The prospect of maintaining reserves should underpin the share price of 138p, up 10p, and the full year dividend.

Coalite

Coalite's peripheral activities - like builders' merchanting, sheep farming in the Falklands and vehicle building - are showing an encouraging improvement. But with almost 90 per cent of profits derived from

benefit even more from higher local authority spending. The vehicle building interests, which include Dormobile, would also be helped by more government money for things like ambulances.

The Falklands sheep have produced a good crop this year with shearing taking place now which will help the second half though long-term question marks obviously hang over the operation there.

The balance sheet remains strong with cash and investments up on the figure of £40m shown in the last report. While much depends on the winter weather, Coalite should make more than £31m for the full year. Meanwhile, the interim dividend has been increased from 1.55p to 1.67p.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

- Butterfield-Harvey**
Half-year to 1.10.83
Pretax profit £739,000 (£513,000)
Turnover £22.8m (£21.6m)
Net interim dividend None (same)
- Carlisle Capel & Leonard**
Year to 30.9.83
Pretax profit £1.4m (£904,000)
Stated earnings 1.47p (1.45p)
Turnover £40.4m (£33.2m)
Net interim dividend 1p (same)
- Rowlinson Securities**
Period to 30.9.83
Pretax profit £332,000 (£322,000)
Stated earnings 1.27p (1.24p)
Turnover £4.7m (£4.3m)
Net interim dividend 0.18p (same)
- Leads Group**
Year to 30.9.83
Pretax profit £1.2m (£1.1m)
Stated earnings 16.5p (15.3p)
Turnover £9m (£8.9m)
Net interim dividend 4.5p (same)

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES

Rubber in Cx per tonne
Coffee, arabica, super 10 pounds per 100 lbs
Cocoa, super 10 pounds per 100 lbs
SUGAR
COPPER
ZINC
LEAD
NICKEL
SILVER
GOLD
TUNGSTEN
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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Official turnover figures
Price in pounds per metric ton
Silver in pence per tray ounce

COMPTON HIGH GRADE

Year to 30.9.83
Pretax profit £1.4m (£904,000)
Stated earnings 1.47p (1.45p)
Turnover £40.4m (£33.2m)
Net interim dividend 1p (same)

The Northern American Trust PLC

Results for year ended 31st October 1983

Per Ordinary Share	1983	1982	
Net Asset Value	+29.4%	274.7p	212.3p
Earnings	-4.1%	5.39p	5.62p
Dividend	*	5.4p	5.4p

Geographic Distribution of Assets at 31st October 1983.

NORTH AMERICA (1982)	42% (36%)
UNITED KINGDOM (1982)	40% (54%)
JAPAN & OTHERS (1982)	18% (10%)

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SIX MONTHS UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED RESULTS

	6 months to September 30		Year to March 31
	1983	1982	1983
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Group income	63,454	68,082	135,191
Profits on realisation	20,431	8,126	21,397
Associated companies	3,777	3,334	6,158
	87,662	79,542	162,746
Interest on borrowings	51,680	54,012	106,882
Provisions	15,787	14,475	30,834
	67,467	68,487	137,716
Profit before tax	20,195	11,055	25,030
Estimated tax	8,412	3,414	7,678
Profit after tax	11,783	7,641	17,352
Extraordinary costs	1,205	74	2,741
	10,578	7,567	14,611

Notes:
1. An interim dividend will be paid in respect of the year ending March 31, 1984 of 2.5p per share, £2,875,000 (1982: 2.0p per share, £2,300,000).
2. The figures for the year ended March 31, 1983 are taken from accounts filed with the Registrar of Companies and the auditors' report was unqualified.



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BELLS SCOTCH WHISKY BELLS

The shares of the beleaguered tyre-company Dunlop slipped to 46p yesterday, precariously close to the year's low of 41p, as confusion grew over the Malaysian Pegi group's response to the proposed rescue operation.

Dunlop nears year's low

ACCOUNT DAY: Dealings began, Nov 28. Dealings end, Dec 9. Contango Day, Dec 12. Settlement Day, Dec 19.

money supply figures for November better than expected Government Securities managed to notch up some useful gains, averaging 2 1/2%.

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immediate intention to visit London to discuss the deal he did not rule it out. Interestingly, negotiations between the two parties have been going on in London with Pegi's financial advisers Samuel Montagu & Co.

through to the rest of the market yesterday pushing many to new yearly peaks. Jobbers were surprised by the institutional demand and some speculative buying in the three-

week account also fuelled the gains. Both MEPC and Land Securities gained 9p to 368p and 278p, respectively but new highs were registered throughout the list.

Most companies are still on a discount to assets of about 30 per cent and future dividend growth, at MEPC at least, is expected at a minimum of 15 per cent per annum for at least three years.

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TENNIS

Miss Durie one set up as rain halts play

Melbourne (Reuter) - Jo Durie of Britain, became the first player in four months to take a set off the world number one, Martina Navratilova, before rain interrupted the quarter-final match at Kooyung yesterday.

Trailing 3-4 in the opening set, Miss Durie displayed remarkable coolness to grab an immediate break back, and take the next three games for the set 6-4. Miss Navratilova lost a set in the Canadian Open final against her fellow American, Chris Lloyd, in August.

Just hours after the match was halted, Women's Tennis Association officials here confirmed that Miss Durie had entered the top 10 in the women's singles rankings, for the first time. Before winning the New South Wales Open in Sydney two weeks ago, Miss Durie was ranked thirteenth, but the officials said she was now eighth in the standings.

Miss Navratilova has to her credit an amazing six-month run of 83 victories with only one defeat, by the American, Kathy Horvath, in the French Open quarter-finals.

Miss Durie looked shaky in the opening stages of yesterday's match, when she was 5-0 and then 4-2 down. Her tentative strokes set up the second break for Miss Navratilova in the sixth game, but almost immediately the tone of the Briton's game changed. She volleyed with more authority, took the net and wrong-footed Miss Navratilova with a series of accurate passes.

Miss Durie broke back in the seventh game and managed to hold her serve after double faulting twice in the eighth. She surprised her opponent with two brave cross-court passing backhands, and a third which skimmed down the line for a 3-4 lead. She then held serve for the set. The winner of the tie, which continues today, will meet Pam Shriver, who had a comfortable victory over Carina Bassett, in the quarter-finals.

The Wimbledon champion, Sylvia Hanika, seeded to meet Miss Navratilova in the final, fell surprise victim to the No 9 seed, Kathy Jordan.

Melbourne (AFP) - Women players are to seek a five-set final in the Virginia Slims championship in New York next February, the WTA announced today.

MOTOR RACING



Piquet: "I used to pray for my car to break down"

Piquet pinpoints a problem of power

The formula one world champion driver, Nelson Piquet, one of a select few who have successfully made the transition direct from formula three, expressed concern yesterday at the rapidly widening power gap between the two formulae, and the difficulties which this is creating for drivers hoping to emulate him.

"I was very lucky," he recalled. "I had my first formula one drive at Silverstone in a McLaren, and in those days it meant maybe three times the power I was used to, and a lap time seven or eight seconds quicker. Today, drivers attempting to go straight from formula three to formula one - where we are using anything up to 850 horsepower on full boost for our qualifying laps - have to lap up to 16 seconds a lap slower, and you find it so much more difficult to concentrate for two hours in a grand prix, then for, say, 20 minutes in a formula three race."

With formula two proving too expensive for many Grand Prix aspirants, formula one team managers are sharing Piquet's concern about the 600 to 700 horsepower power differential with which formula three drivers are being confronted. Several of them have already expressed support for a move to create an interim Formula 3,000, using the Ford Cosworth DFV three-litre engine in suitably detuned form to restrict it to 400 to 450 horsepower. Such a formula

would be both cheaper to operate and considerably more powerful than formula two, thereby providing the ideal stepping-stone.

Another enthusiastic advocate of such an interim formula is John Webb, the managing director of Motor Circuit Developments, who next July will become the first organization in Britain to stage a motor race with an operational budget of \$1m. As it is also MCD's intention to set aside two days of testing at Brands Hatch for the British Grand Prix, sponsored by John Player, during the Easter weekend, this would provide an admirable opportunity for them to include a speculative Formula 3,000 "trial run" race in full view of all the grand prix team managers.

John Webb has decided to take another look at formula two which, in the past, has not proved to be a commercial success on MCD circuits.

There is also to be an expansion of Thunderbolt racing, for high-powered two-seater racing cars, which have proved to be a major spectacular attraction in its first season, and on March 31 and April 1, Brands Hatch will be the venue for a two-day meeting supported by a field of 500 cars, all of which will be lined up on the circuit, attended by their drivers, for close-up inspection by spectators.

Brabham award The Ferodo Trophy, which is awarded annually for the outstanding British Commonwealth contribution to motor racing, has been awarded for 1983 to the Brabham Formula One team, who designed and built the Brabham-BMW BT52 in which Nelson Piquet recently won his second world championship. John Brabham writes. Piquet is the first driver to win a world title with both a normally aspirated and a turbo-charged engine.

FOOTBALL: BLUE TAKES ON BLUE FOR THE HUNDRETH TIME

Universities' challenge to pass on Corinthian spirit

By David Miller Nicholson and Malcolm Allison contributed to these teams a quarter of a century ago; which Arthur Rowe, Vic Buckingham and George Ainsley memorably give to Pegasus, which the Corinthians gave, literally, to the world?

It is no truism to say that if Oxford and Cambridge today cannot echo at Wembley some of the faded virtues of their heritage, then what chance have the rest.

It was here, in front of 10,000 spectators, that Pegasus twice won the Amateur Cup, and those of us who followed in the wake of that achievement also experienced the rare physical and mental intoxication; a collective pursuit of excellence which, however humble and ragged it looked on those less successful persons in all too earthy surroundings far from Wembley, carried a special feeling of crusade, a responsibility beyond oneself and the club to that intangible concept of the game which has stirred the imagination of millions.

Let us hope that same flame can touch today's teams and retain for them an abstract but none the less real link with the greatest contemporary Corinthian, Socrates of Sao Paulo.

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Old men's memories and sportsmanship in a material world

The old days were not necessarily always the good old days. Yet since the Centenary Association Football match between Oxford and Cambridge bridge is to be played at Wembley today, a look back at the past may have its rewards.

It was out of the public schools - the Arthur Dunn sides of the early and the universities of the early nineteenth century that the game grew from its hybrid state. It was Cambridge who can be counted the father and mother of the organized game that eventually swept the world.

In 1846 and 1848, a committee was formed under J. C. Thring and F. Thring - by then headmaster of Uppingham - produced a new set of ideas termed "The Simplest Game".

The next year there followed the revised "Cambridge University Rules", which largely became the basis of the Football Association Laws when the FA was formed the same year, 1863.

There was then the FA Cup of 1872 and the first university match in 1874, played at Kennington Oval, which Oxford won 1-0, having already captured the FA Cup the same year in the second of their cup finals between 1873 and 1880.

The historic goal which defeated Cambridge was scored by R. W. S. Vidal (Westminster) when he found a gap in a massed Cambridge attack to dribble virtually the whole length of the Oval pitch for victory. Who will claim the last goal this afternoon when Cambridge take the field leading 4-1 against 37, with 21 draws for the years?

The university match has had three major homes during its life. First came the Oval (1874-1888), then Queens Club (1889-1920), and now since 1921, the Centenary Ground at Wembley.

Following Queens Club, however, the contest led a nomadic existence with brief visits to Stamford Bridge, the old Crystal Palace (then the home of the Corinthians) and Highbury. After the second world war the game moved to Champion Hill of Dulwich Hamlet, and White Hart Lane before settling at Wembley.

Oxford and Cambridge may cut little ice in the modern game of professionalism and sponsorship, but they can still set an example of old-time sportsmanship and fair play to those of a material world, who care to take heed.

The university match is frequently a great leveler and a delicious source of surprise. The name of 1921 was a prize example.

Geoffrey Green

Prolific pair's toughest test

Their names may never roll of the tongue as easily as those of Daiglish and Pearce, but the partnership of Duck and Pearce could be one to look out for in the FA Cup this season.

George Duck and David Pearce, who play for Harrow Borough in the Isthmian League, form probably the most formidable goalscoring combination in non-League football. On Saturday they have the chance to prove themselves against leaving Southend, Dux, and Harrow entertain Newport County in the second round of the Cup.

Pearce has scored 119 goals in 212 games since signing for Harrow in February 1980. Duck 84 goals in 135 games since his arrival in July 1981. Yet the stats that they made in football could hardly be less auspicious. Duck failed to make the grade at Millwall and moved on to Southend United where he made three League appearances and Pearce was released by Millwall after just one first team appearance.

After leaving Southend, Dux, now aged 31, joined Wadstone have beaten Ware, Aylesbury United, Addlestone and Weybridge, Fisher Athletic and Yeovil Town.

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FOOTBALL: BURKINSHAW'S CHANCE TO CONQUER EUROPE, ENGLAND, THE WORLD

Tottenham risk two wingers and gamble on Hoddle's pride

Tottenham Hotspur and Bayern Munich will tonight play a game of risk at White Hart Lane. The stakes are high. For not only are they competing for a place in the quarter-finals of the Uefa Cup, but the victors will be regarded as one of the favourites to go on and win the competition.



Ardiles: could come on for the last 20 minutes.

hope that he can stay on the pitch long enough to present a genuine threat. A fortnight ago, that amounted to 45 minutes. But Rummenigge's departure merely left the stage open for his 19-year-old brother, Michael, who showed that he can be as quick and as dangerous, particularly on the break, in a manner so reminiscent of his more famous sibling, he dimmed Tottenham's lights by claiming the winner six minutes from the end.

World Cup favourites and favouritism

The World Cup finals may be 30 months away but, shortly after three o'clock this afternoon, a record entry of 121 nations will begin to plot their routes to Mexico. The roads will each start in Zurich, where the draw is to take place at FIFA's headquarters, and 97 of them will finish short of their intended destination.

BOXING: EUROPEAN FLYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP Wallace, homework finished must now pass French test

By Srikumar Sen Boxing Correspondent



Wallace: weight problem

That first round bout from George Fossy that halted Tony Willis's challenge for the British lightweight championship on Saturday stopped boxing experts in their tracks. They had been predicting an epic encounter. If you ask the experts about the chances of Britain's world-class flyweight Keith Wallace relieving the unranked Antoine Montero of his European title at the Bloomsbury Crest Hotel tonight they stroke their chins wisely and say "Don't know much, not after what happened to Willis."

When asked "Why are you looking so pale?" Wallace answers, "Don't know, maybe it's the cold". His corner makes light of the weight problem. They are quite confident about the outcome of the bout. "He is not like Willis. He keeps his hands up. He'll walk through him. We've seen Montero on video. They know nothing about Keith and Fossy, said, "Like Keith says in video," they say.

But I am sending him out to do the business from the first round. ITV will not broadcast tonight's fight until Saturday after the promoter, Frank Warren, was refused permission by the Board of Control to have television coverage on the night of the bout John Bromley, ITV's head of sport said: "We have taken this decision not because we agree with the Boxing Board's television policy but simply to safeguard the interests of the boxers involved. There is no way that we would have wanted Keith Wallace, whose challenge for the European title has twice been postponed to have been deprived of his chance yet again."

Coolness the key in freezing conditions

From Clive White, Prague What you ask yourself, have Watford got to smile about. They are third from bottom of the first division, a goal down from the home leg of a UEFA Cup first-choice but ineligible players. Yet not even the temperature of minus seven (C) with accompanying snow could numb this jovial band of players, supporters and officials when they arrived here yesterday.



Jobson: erratic.

It was like a day's outing with a very big family (140 supporters travelled). Elton John, the chairman, was handing out birthday cake and even the airline carrier displayed the club colours, by a happy coincidence. This is another experience for a club not used to the big time, but they mean to enjoy it, as well as learn from it, no matter what the outcome.

Canute Clough and the tide of passion

The rapturous encouragement of more than 60,000 of Britain's most passionate football supporters and the fierce determination of Scots to ensure that the old enemy from England are defeated combine to make Celtic favourites to win the UEFA Cup tie with Nottingham Forest at Parkhead tonight.

Celtic appear to have an advantage over Forest, having already achieved a 0-0 draw in Nottingham, regarded in European football as a satisfactory result. But David Hay, the Celtic manager, is under no illusions about the magnitude of the task which confronts his side in the second leg of a game which has caught the imagination of the public to such an extent that all 67,000 tickets have been sold with thousands left disappointed.

Athletics Cram leads to the altar

Steve Cram, the world 1,500m champion, has cast doubts on the use of altitude training in his bid to win the Olympic title in Los Angeles next summer.

Graham returns after injury

Arthur Graham is back in Manchester United's team for their Milk Cup fourth round replay with Oxford United at Old Trafford tonight. Graham missed last week's 1-1 draw at Oxford and Saturday's home defeat by Everton because of an ankle injury but passed a fitness test yesterday and will replace Mark Hughes, the goalscorer at Oxford, who reverts to substitute. Norman Whiteside again links up with Frank Stapleton because Gerrie Crooks is cup-tied. Oxford have a slight doubt about George Lawrence who misses the game at Southend on Friday because of a back injury.

OLYMPIC GAMES No block to Soviets

Los Angeles (AP) - Russian Olympic officials have received assurances from the Los Angeles mayor, Tom Bradley, that their athletes would be "heartily welcomed" at the 1984 Olympics.

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL NATIONAL LEAGUE: Detroit Lions 13, Minnesota Vikings 2. REAL TENNIS London: MCC 3, Hatfield House 2. MCC beat L. Whitehead in 3 sets 6-4, 6-5, 6-5. D. H. Woodley beat in Colin Dean, 3-4, 4-6, 6-8. B. S. Theobalds lost to Chris Dean, 3-6, 2-6, 4-6. A. O. Spooner in D. H. H. 5-2, 5-2, 6-2.

CRICKET Rebels with backbone

Johannesburg (Reuter) - The unofficial West Indian touring party go into their first one-day international match against a South African side here today buoyed by a more solid batting performance in the preliminary games than in their first boycott-breaking tour earlier this year.

Kirk backs Boycott compromise

Reg Kirk, one of the leading members of the Yorkshire Members 1984 Group and also on the Yorkshire County Cricket Club general committee, has given his support for a compromise on the Boycott issue "before the county tears itself apart."

Ice skating

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: Men's compulsory standing: 1. T. Gernik (USSR), 71.7 points; 2. M. Farland (Canada), 68.5; 3. V. Petrov (USSR), 68.3; 4. E. Larson (USA), 61.3. Pairs short program: 1. O. Holten and S. Skudvor (USSR), 75.5; 2. M. Landgraf and J. Sauer (EG), 72.1; 3. S. Dungen and J. Dungen (EG), 68.7; 4. I. Shabatov and A. Akhmetov (USSR), 70.5; 5. D. Carr and B. Carr (AUS), 64.3. British pairing: 9. U. Costley and N. Costley, 66.2.

Content, but not in the pink

Charterhouse... Westminster... Charterhouse yesterday took the lead early, lost it in the second half but managed an equalizer in the dying minutes. The Charterhouse-Westminster fixture lays claims to being the oldest school match in the calendar, dating from the days before Charterhouse moved out of London. Westminster looked smart in their new blue shirts, and those who regard the passing of their pink will find solace in its retention in the cuffs and collar.

Charlton's punishment in blanket of secrecy

The troubled second division club, Charlton Athletic, ran into more difficulties yesterday, when they were found guilty of breaking Football League regulations over the transfer of Ronnie Moore from Rotherham earlier this season. But Mark Hulley, who recently regained his position as chairman, left the Football League commission hearing at a London hotel with out revealing the club's punishment, and a spokesman for the commission said: "We have agreed not to make public our decision at the moment."

Hamburg's need for world title

Bonn (Reuter) - Hamburg, already out of this season's European Cup, badly need to beat Gremio of Porto Alegre in next Sunday's world club championship in Tokyo to fend off a pressing financial crisis.

Van Breukelen to go

Brian Clough yesterday recalled the Dutch international goalkeeper, Hans Van Breukelen, into Nottingham Forest's team, and, at the same time, arranged for the player's probable transfer back to The Netherlands. The Forest manager admitted that he had "negotiated a price" for Van Breukelen, aged 27, with PSV Eindhoven. Forest's victims in the last round of the Cup added: "The player wants to go back to Holland, so there's little I can do except work out the best possible deal for the club. However, nothing is certain yet. He still has 18 months of his contract to run, and if he does leave, it will be until the close season - and it will be for a lot of money."

Monday's Results

Milk Cup Third round, third replay: Moss 1, Charlton Athletic 1 (Birmingham at home to Liverpool). All-England Premier League: Worcester v Fifehead Keyne. CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Derby 1, Newcastle 2. Second division: Wolves 1, Grimsby 0. FA TROPHY: Second qualifying round, second replay: Walthamstow 1, Crawley 0. SUSSEX SENIORS CUP: Second round: Brighton 3, Worthing 1. FA YOUTH CUP: Second round: Plymouth 0, Oxford United 1. West: Southdown 2, West Ham 12, Woking 1, Queen's Park Rangers 0. SOUTH-WEST LEAGUE: First division: Dorchester 1, Gravesend and Northfleet 2. Second division: Poole 1, Addington 2, Weymouth 2, Wexham 2, Ashford 4.

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ICE SKATING

RUGBY UNION: CAMBRIDGE TAKE HONOURS AGAIN



Oxford's McQuaid and Gargan are grounded as R Bailey, David and Morrison prise the ball from a loose ruck

Simms opens the floodgates and Oxford go under in late storm

By David Hands Rugby Correspondent

Oxford University... Cambridge University... For an hour at Twickenham yesterday, the dyke that was Oxford University's defence of good against the waves of Cambridge attacks, sided. It must be said, by Cambridge's anxious desire to turn the ball inside to their forwards. Then the cracks widened and Cambridge, with 11 points in the last 17 minutes, took the Bowling Bowl for the fourth successive year, by two tries and four penalty goals to three penalties.

They walked the Oxford eight backwards. Their line out, despite the considerable efforts of Gargan, was better organised, with Ellison moving up and down the line in the first half, and Ewbank dominating affairs in the second. The back rows, as is usual in a university match, virtually cancelled each other out. Ellison required four stitches in a cut eye sustained in the first minute.

But that, as it proved, was the high point of their match. For most of the remainder, they were forced to play a scrambling defensive game in their own half, with Barnes doing his intelligent best to create bricks with the wisps of straw his forwards could win for him. Barnes levelled matters with his third penalty shortly after the interval, but a hint of what was to come emerged when Smith found room down the centre of the field, and Harper turned the ball inside, when his captain was free on the left and a try looming. Cambridge made telling use of the long pass.

Cambridge's first try was a gem. Bailey going clear and setting up the ruck on the left. The ball moved right, Simms slid through a gap and found Smith, who had Martin inside and the full back just had the weight to cross the line. Seven minutes later, Bailey took MacNeill's clearance and when the ball emerged in front of the Oxford posts, MacNeill was penalised for a high tackle on Andrew, who promptly kicked his fourth goal. With the match won, and the crowd of nearly 30,000 resigned, Oxford tried a final probe from within their own half. Mac-

S Africa in Of other times, tides and mores quandary

Cape Town (AFP) - South Africa will not necessarily support New Zealand's proposal for a world cup rugby union competition. Dr Danie Craven, president of the South African Rugby Board, said here yesterday. However, if such a tournament would ensure South African players the chance to play abroad, it could be favourably considered by the board.

When I first used to watch the university match, it was a period of Oxford dominance. We were confident of winning even if Cambridge had the more talented side and, as a result, we often did. In rowing, it was the other way round. Even a supposedly unbeatable Oxford crew, such as Carnegie's, would go down. Well, that has all changed, both at Twickenham and on the Tideway.

St Peter's, York, were also well in the picture yesterday, with the No 8 on each side. Steve Redwood, of Canada, one of the favourites, languished in sixteenth place yesterday and Erwin Resch, of Austria, the winner of Sunday's downhill at Schladming, was thirty-first.

I think it a poor match, and at times unnecessarily ill-tempered, until the last 20 minutes, when Cambridge got going. No Oxford man was really permitted to switch universities, we felt, were asters men such as professors of moral theology.

Campbell in time for Irish trial

The Ireland fly half Ollie Campbell says his first senior game this season when he turns out for Old Glory against Old Wesley on Saturday. He has recovered from a severe virus infection and is expected to be named tomorrow for the Irish trial.

Miss Kiehl goes up for the downhill

After an introductory skrimish or two in Yugoslavia and Austria, the 18-year-old Kiehl is in earnest here in Savoie today. She was twenty-fifth, but training times cannot be taken too seriously. For instance, Steve Redwood, of Canada, one of the favourites, languished in sixteenth place yesterday and Erwin Resch, of Austria, the winner of Sunday's downhill at Schladming, was thirty-first.

Dalgren's suspension is reduced

A Rugby League appeals board yesterday quashed the six-day suspension imposed last month on the Falkland hooker, John Dalgren (left). They concluded that there had been "certain irregularities" in the disciplinary committee proceedings, and was instead given an eight-match suspension.

Whether or not Phil Mabre, the American winner of the World Cup for the past three seasons, will compete remains to be seen. He has a deeply-rooted objection to the recently introduced super giant slalom, but he will have to swallow his pride to gain combined points, since the men's downhill is harnessed here to the super giant slalom event on Saturday.

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RACING: SENIOR STEWARD EXPLAINS REJECTION OF YORK SPONSORSHIP

Jockey Club offer olive branch

By Michael Seely Details of the new sponsorship of five or six Pattern races are to be announced in the near future. It is also thought likely that the £100,000 which was offered by Robert Sangster for the sponsorship of a nine-furlong race at the Timeform Charity Day fixture at the York June meeting may be able to be used in another form.

They come and talk to us about their aims and requirements a satisfactory solution can nearly always be found. Exercising his prerogative to speak as one of the joint owners of the Jockey Club, Lord Manton said: "Our principal guest has referred to the possibility of restoring to the Jockey Club to sponsor's entrepreneurial efforts and, in particular, I am sure he has in mind a proposed race here at York. I am sorry that this race cannot be run at York but I am confident that this generous sponsorship will be lost to British racing. Negotiations are now advanced concerning another race, and I understand that an announcement will be made within the next week."

Lord Manton said: "I cannot let this occasion go by without making some reference to the funding of racing. At the root of the problem... I am sure everyone here tonight will agree - is the fact that the Treasury takes too much from betting, a far greater proportion of deductions than in any other major racing nation."

careless riding under rule 153. He denied that there had been any "crackdown" on riding offences this year and said that no special instructions had been issued to local stewards on disciplining jockeys more severely for offences of this nature.

The Jockey Club are anxious to see more sponsorship in racing, but at the same time wish to retain a balance in the racing programme. We have been accused of protecting the pattern, but most major sports exercise some control over the timing and location of their major international events to prevent clashes of fixtures.

Carson helps new series Willie Carson, who recalls that it took him four years to ride his first winner, who also, perhaps more significantly, points out that young jockeys were not allowed to carry whips in their first races when he began, is to encourage school-leavers to consider a career in racing through the Polywell-Willie Carson Apprenticeship Challenge next year (John Carter writes). This series of races, for jockeys who have not ridden before, will carry £3,000 added to each of the 10 qualifying races, beginning at Lingfield Park in March, with the final at Newmarket on Champion Day (October 20) carrying £5,000 and £1,000.

Carson almost "billed and cooed" with his school, the Stewards' Cup with Autumn Sunsets, is just one of the many outstanding photographs of racing people, horses and places around the world in *Great Race of the Year* (£29) which is published by the master statisticians of *Trainer Record*.

Byrne is a rare animal indeed - an Irishman who does not bet, but that other Irish trait, a deep-rooted love and knowledge of horses, which shines through this captivating pictorial record.

Worcester

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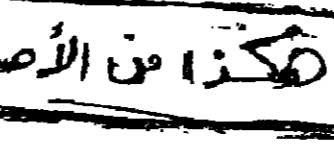
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Zaheer hopes for an upturn

Adelaide (AP) - The Pakistani tour party arrived in Adelaide yesterday for the third Test match against Australia...

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Zaheer: optimist

No Lord's for the ladies

There is no room for the England women's cricket team at Lord's in 1984...

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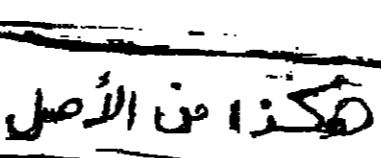
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Edited by Peter Dear

BBC 1

- 6.00 Ceefax AM. 6.30 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Selma Scott. News at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 with headlines on the quarter hours...

TV-am

- 6.25 Good Morning Britain presented by Nick Owen and John Stapleton. A review of the morning papers at 6.25, news from Gavin Scott at 6.30...

ITV/LONDON

- 9.25 Thames news headlines 9.30 Have You Seen This? A preview of schools programmes for managers beginning with Good Health 9.45 Your Living Book 10.00 Living and Growing 10.15 People and Politics 10.35 The English Programme...



Helene Delavault as Carmen: Channel 4, 9.00pm

The world television premiere of the first Peter Brook's three films, THE TRAGEDY OF CARMEN, 9.00pm. Filmed at the Theatre des Bouffes du Nord in Paris where it was originally staged in November 1981...

BBC 2

- 9.35 News summary with subtitles. 9.40 Kick Start. The final of the motorcycle trials competition for the Lombard Trophy. The commentators are Peter Purves and Mick Andrews...

CHOICE

to Bizet's original three hours. Gone are the Irish overtones, props and scenery, and the original score, written for 80 instrumentalists has been pared down for a 15-piece band...

CHANNEL 4

- 5.00 Countdown. The second quarter final of the anagrams and wordplay quiz. 5.15 The Body Show. The final programme in the new series concentrates on exercises for 9 to 15 year olds. Yvonne Campop demonstrates a series of simple exercises to enhance body control and posture...

Radio 4

- 6.00 News Briefing. 6.10 Farming Today featuring the Royal Society Show, London. 6.30 Shipping Forecast. 6.35 Today, including 6.35, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary, 8.45 Prayer for the Day, 8.55, 9.55 News, 10.00 Today's News, 10.05, 10.55 Sport, 11.00 Today for the Day, 11.15, 11.55 Weather, 12.00 News, 12.05 Midweek Henry Kelly, 12.10 News, Gardeners' Question Time, 12.15 The Legend of Knockgrove, 12.20 The Brewery of Eggshells by James Croker, 12.25 Daily Service, 12.30 News, 12.35 Baker's Dozen with Richard Baker, 12.40 News, 12.45 Danis Owen examines the strange origins of names, 12.50 News, 12.55 The Magic Carpet, Seven-part dramatisation by David Beatty...

Radio 3

- 6.55 Weather, 7.00 News, 7.05 Midweek Choice Part one. Recordings of works by Torelli, Bach, Mozart and Scott Joplin, the master of the rag.

Radio 2

- 6.00 Ray Moore, 7.30 Terry Wogan, 10.00 Jimmy Young, 12.00 Mike Smith, While You Work, 12.30 Gloria Hunniford, 1.20 Sports Desk, 2.30 Ed Stewart, 3.00 Sports, 4.00 David Hamilton, 4.05, 5.30 Sports Desk, 6.00 John Dunn, 6.15 Sports and Classical Results (MP only), 7.30 David Jensen, 10.00-12.00 John Peel's VHF Radio 2, 8.15 pm Disney World of Music (cont. from 7.30), 12.00-12.30 John Peel's VHF Radio 2, 12.00-12.30 With Radio 2

Radio 1

- 6.00am Adrian John, 7.00 Mike Read, 8.00 Simon Bates, 11.30 Mike Smith, News Special, 12.00 Sports Desk, 12.30 David Jensen, 10.00-12.00 John Peel's VHF Radio 1, 8.15 pm Disney World of Music (cont. from 7.30), 12.00-12.30 With Radio 1

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

- CHANNEL 4 As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News, 5.15-5.45 Metal Mickey, 6.00 Channel Report, 6.30 Crossroads, 6.55-7.00 Mysterious Tales, 10.00-10.10 Guernsey Jazz, 10.20am Harvest Jazz, 11.40-12.00am Harvest Jazz, 12.00am Harvest Jazz, 12.00am Harvest Jazz, 12.00am Harvest Jazz...

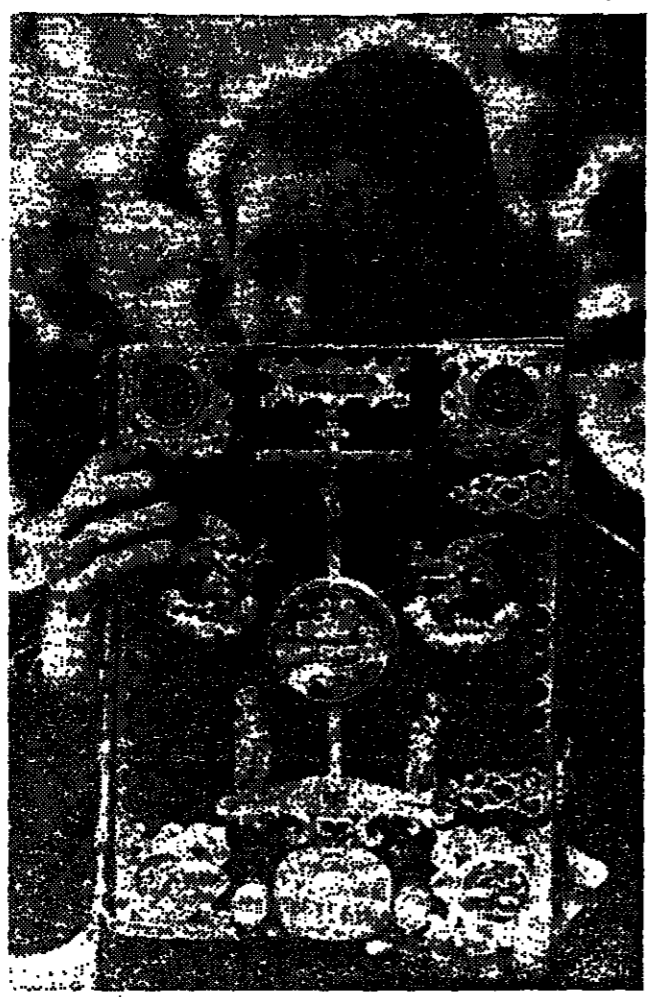
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Super Sees advertisement for Design Editorial Secretary, Westminster School Development Office, and various recruitment agencies like Elizabeth Hunt Recruitment Consultants.

TONIGHT OPERA REALLY COMES TO LIFE advertisement for Peter Brook's Tragedy of Carmen, featuring large stylized text and a small image of the opera.

£8m book vendors' identity is secret

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent West Germany expressed its delight yesterday at the purchase of the Gospels of Henry the Lion.



The Gospels on display yesterday and a delighted Herr Abs (centre, in spectacles) after the auction. (Photographs: Suresh Karadia)

The identity of the Gospels' vendors has been kept a closely guarded secret. From the fourteenth century until 1861 the manuscript belonged to Prague Cathedral.

Jerusalem bomb kills four

Continued from page 1 renewed pressure today from Labour and from some of the Government's backbench supporters to withdraw the British contingent from the peacekeeping force in Lebanon.

was under consideration. To Mr Tim Sebastian, of BBC Television News, she said she had heard the rumour "but there is no truth in the rumour at the moment".

basic circumstances in Beirut (Rodney Cowton writes). Mr Heseltine, who is attending a meeting of the Nato Defence Planning Committee in Brussels, gave his account of recent developments to journalists after the severe criticism of the Government in the Commons on Monday.

EEC facing collapse after Athens fiasco

Continued from page 1 Andreas Papanastou, hoped for a happy outcome under the French presidency but if this failed, he added, "then the end of the Community will be visible".

guilty of sticking out for durable solutions." She poured scorn on the way "some other countries had run away from the problems. All the others are takers, she said, and I do resent it very much when they talk about British demands. We are not making demands. We are giving notice that we cannot continue paying in as much as we pay now."

Welsh accent on Chinese missiles

Those of us unashamed metropolitans who sometimes have difficulty with such accents as the Welsh, yesterday understood Mr Roy Hughes, a Labour member from the principality, reveal that cruise missiles were coming in via Barry Docks for storage at Taiwan.

Lord Taiwan rather than Lord Treigarn. Mr Biffen, a Little Englander who was a distinguished opponent of British entry into the Common Market, is thought to pride himself on his lack of detailed knowledge of abroad. So it was perfectly obvious that yesterday he could not care less one way or the other. Treigarn, like all those exotically entitled ministers in the Lords, was just a name to him.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements The Queen dines with the officers of the Royal Tank Regiment at Merchant Taylor's Hall, 8.

guard's Maritime Rescue Coordination Sub Centre, Tynesmouth, 2. The Princess of Wales visits the Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Activities Centre, Bursledon, Southampton, 11; and in the evening as Patron of the Welsh National Opera, attends a performance of Carmen by the Welsh National Opera at the Dominion Theatre, London, 7.25.

atends the St John Gala Ball at the Inter-Continental Hotel, 8.20. The Duke of Gloucester, President, the Royal Smithfield Club, attends the Annual General Meeting at Earl's Court Exhibition Centre, Warwick Road entrance, 3.55.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,303

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

Answers to the crossword puzzle: Across 1 Debar the film version - it's all black and white (4-8), 2 Fold (7), 3 Satisfying assembly for worship (7), 4 Embroideress caught by copier (5), 5 Sounds like a character - Lear perhaps - with daughter Beryl (7), 6 Some feel it is management by top people (7), 7 A poor act, this poised of the worldly-wise (12), 8 Business of an immature dealer is not frozen (12), 9 Having no fixture, the box is empty (9), 10 Do a job badly with one top (7), 11 Sign of length or position in service (7), 12 Train a rube mechanic (7), 13 Not chosen as a chap to put one over the French (7), 14 Sort of tide on the east river is more advanced (5), 15 Down 1 Urrish is punch-drunk, we hear (7), 2 Take words at their face value (3-4), 3 With his position in society he may well be an Hon (9).

New books - hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week: A History of the Indian People, by D. P. Sinha (Methuen, £19.95).

Bond winners

Winning numbers in the weekly draw for Premium Bond prizes are: £10,000: 11AZ 998912 (the winner); £2,500: 121Z 623456 (the runner-up); £500: 131Z 456789 (the consolation prize).

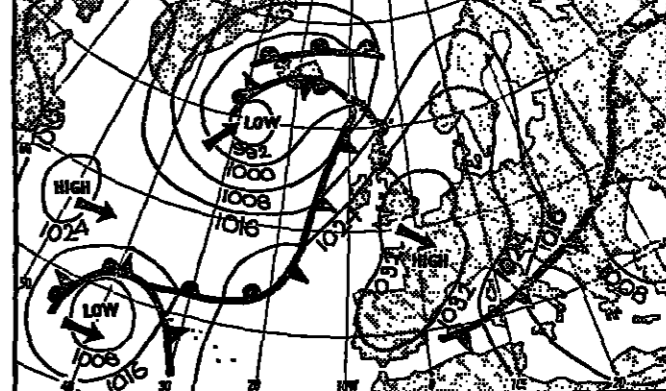
Roads

Midlands: A1: Lane closures for roundabout construction at Colsterworth, Lincs. A46: Lane closures Warwick bypass, Warwickshire, lane closures. A6: Traffic signals in Belper, Derbyshire.

Weather

The anticyclone over southern Britain will continue to drift southwards as troughs of low pressure cross northern areas.

NOON TODAY Pressure is shown in millibars



High tides

Table of high tide times for various ports including London Bridge, Aberdeen, Belfast, Cardiff, Dover, etc.

Around Britain

Table of weather conditions and wind speeds around the coast of Britain.

Abroad

Table of weather conditions in various international locations.

The papers

Lebanon takes the headlines in the Washington Post, which says that the weekend's violence indicates that the Reagan Administration still has not found its way in that troubled place.

The pound

Table of exchange rates for various currencies including Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, etc.

Lighting-up time

London 4.25 pm to 7.22 am; Edinburgh 4.10 pm to 7.22 am; Manchester 4.21 pm to 7.41 am; Newcastle 4.50 pm to 7.37 am.

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 pm to 8 pm, 7C (59F); min 1 pm to 6 am, 4C (39F). Humidity: 6 pm, 70 per cent. Rain: 2.6 in. 0.0 in. Sun: 2:45 to 6:45 pm. 5.4 hr. Bar: mean sea level, 6 in. 1003.7 millibars. 1,000 millibars = 29.53 in.

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: C, cloud; F, rain; s, sun.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Guernsey, 12C (54F); lowest day temp: Amsterdam, 3C (37F); highest night temp: London, 6.1 in. 43.4F; lowest night temp: Glasgow, 6.7 in. 44.1F.

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